

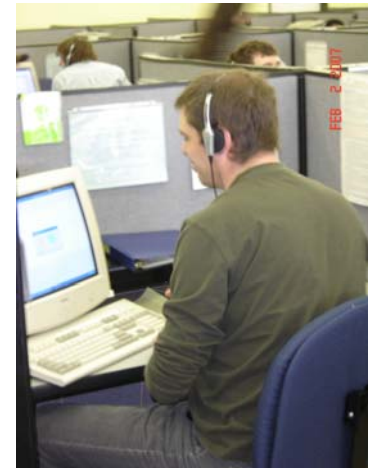


February 2007 Newsletter

FDL Welcomes Two New Businesses to Devils Lake!

MTI

Midwest Telemark International opened in Devils Lake in December 2006. The company is now employing 25 full-time people in Devils Lake. The company is a tele-marketing firm which concentrates on Telco's.



QW1-ND

Quality One Wireless of Orlando, Florida has opened a wholly-owned subsidiary known as Q1W-ND on College Drive in Devils Lake. The company started operations in January 2007 with 35+ full-time employees. The company re-manufactures cellular phones for corporate accounts.



Manufacturer's Roundtable promotes business progress...

At the November meeting of the Manufacturer's Roundtable, we welcomed the newest member, Q1W-ND and had Mark Armstrong of Workforce Safety as our guest speaker.

James Burgum of the North Dakota Trade Office will be the guest speaker at the February roundtable meeting.

Forward Devils Lake Mini-Grant Fund

A portion of the funds allocated by the FDL Board is termed "mini-grants." These funds are usually a small grant used for business development. This could be market development, studies, patent work etc. The funds are provided on a 50/50 match basis. Applications are available at the FDL office.

Willowberry Lane received a grant to use towards marketing with matching funds from Otter Tail Power.

BTR Elevator received a grant to use towards a feasibility study with matching funds from APUC and CONAC.

Pugsley's received a commitment of funds for marketing based on an application to APUC with matching funds from Otter Tail Power and NDTC (requested).

All -American Bio Diesel was the targeted business for a PACE buy-down with participation by FDL, Rugby JDA, Otter Tail Power and the Benson County JDA.

Northern Plains Envirofuels received a commitment of funds based on an application to APUC. Cavalier County JDA, Towner County EDC, Rolla JDA and Otter Tail Power are also committing funds.

Dakota Aircraft Service received a grant towards the reconstruction of the "Miss Devils Lake" airplane.

DH Dawson Productions received a grant for marketing of the documentary film "The Pilot Maker."

Larry Gustafson
Dakota Aircraft Service



Business Prospects

FDL has responded to two inquiries about the community since the last newsletter. Both are in the very early stages of exploring opportunities.

Please remember it is important that everyone in the Lake Region represents our community. The convenience store worker, realtor, business owner etc. may have contact with these prospects and not know it. Please always have a positive response when someone asks “How are things in Devils Lake?” The Devils Lake Region is a great place. Be proud of your community!

Forward Devils Lake Board of Directors

There have been several changes to the Forward Devils Lake board. Michael Connor resigned from the board and Joe Belford replaced Arne Berg as the County Commissioner in December. Rodger Haugen retired from the board in January. A very sincere **Thank You** – goes out to those going off of the board. Your time and commitment towards Devils Lake has been phenomenal. Welcome to new board members Tom LaMotte and Renard Bergstrom.



The new officers are: Doug Mohr – President, Tim Greene – VP, Kyle Blanchfield-Secretary and Guy DeSautel-Treasurer. These gentlemen along with Joe Belford of the County Commission and Dick Johnson of the City Commission make up the Executive Board of Forward Devils Lake.

Membership Renewals

Thank you to the following that have recently renewed or began your membership investment in Forward Devils Lake!

<i>T. Nistler</i>	<i>Bremer</i>	<i>Country Bank</i>	<i>Leevers</i>	<i>Citizens Community Credit Union</i>
<i>White House Café</i>	<i>Mercy Hospital</i>	<i>Nodak Electric</i>	<i>Real Estate 7</i>	<i>Michael Connor</i>
<i>Schwan Wholesale</i>	<i>Traynor Law Firm</i>	<i>Altur Health System</i>	<i>Rodger Haugen</i>	<i>Bergstrom Auto Management</i>
<i>Lake Region Corp.</i>	<i>Western Insurance</i>	<i>Dave Oehlke</i>	<i>Woodland Resort</i>	<i>Drs Lawson and Herman</i>
<i>AAA</i>	<i>DL Public School</i>	<i>KLJ</i>	<i>Wired Cellular</i>	<i>Greater Dakota Homes</i>
<i>ND Job Service</i>	<i>Dr. Richard Kunkel</i>	<i>Skybergs Meats</i>	<i>HE Everson</i>	<i>North Central Granite</i>
<i>Noridian</i>	<i>US Bank</i>	<i>Comfort Inn</i>	<i>MDU</i>	<i>Britsch and Associates PC</i>
<i>Carl Bloomquist</i>	<i>Rick Anderson</i>	<i>Highway 2 Self-Storage</i>		<i>LaMottes Paint and Glass</i>

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- Ag Strategic Planning Meeting February 16th 11-1 Lake Region State College (RSVP requested for lunch count)
- North Dakota Chamber of Commerce - North Dakota Business Conference March 6-7 Seven Seas, Mandan. www.ndchamber.com
- Region III Marketplace for Kids March 12 Lake Region State College
- North Dakota Trade Office Global Conference March 22-23 Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo www.ndto.com
- Profit from the Prairie-Rural Tourism March 29- Hannaford Community Center www.griggs-steeleez.org

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