

**Lewiston Economic Development Authority
Minutes**

April 22, 2013

The Lewiston Economic Development Authority met at 5:00 pm on April 22, 2013
Present: Jon Nienow, John Stiles, Russ Buege, Larry Rupprecht, John Prigge

Absent: Sharon Trester, Phil Kalmes

Others: Brian Moehnke

Meeting was called to order by Nienow at 5:08 pm.

Approve Agenda: The April agenda was approved.

Approve Minutes: The March 25, 2013 minutes were approved pending an edit of attendance.

Financial Report: Moehnke gave an update on the finances. The EDA has taken on engineering costs for the Safe Route to Schools project that will be reimbursed in the upcoming weeks. The EDA has also paid for the fireworks display for Heartland Days. The EDA passes a motion to honor the contract that was set up with the fireworks company.

Old City Hall: Old City Hall business has been pushed back to the May meeting

The Ponds Project: Is progressing in finishing the grant. Waiting for the area to dry up after an abnormally wet April to see what is going to grow back.

Lewiston Trail Plan: Buege is working with the Winona County Planner's office in preparing our plan to be more grant-ready for the future.

Fireworks: See Financial Report

MnDOT Hwy 14 Landscaping: Businesses along the north Highway 14 corridor are invited to meet next Monday at 10:00 am to see some concept plans provided by MnDOT and to voice their opinion on the project. The current trees are in the sightline of businesses from driving height on Highway 14 and this grant funded project should help with that.

Other Business & Discussion: Because the Old City Hall item was pushed back, Moehnke produced a SWOT (strength weakness opportunity and threat) analysis of the business environment in Lewiston. The EDA also had an open discussion about the Rochester Mayo Medical Destination and speculated how that may affect our community in the future.

Adjourned at 6:11

Prepared by Brian Moehnke