

Lewiston Economic Development Authority Minutes

February 25, 2013

The Lewiston Economic Development Authority met at 5:00 pm on February 25, 2013

Present: Jon Nienow, John Stiles, Russ Buege, Larry Rupprecht and John Prigge, Larry Kalmes

Absent: Sharon Trester

Others: Brian Moehnke

Meeting was called to order by Nienow at 5:03 pm.

Introductions. Phil Kalmes introduced himself, this was his first meeting.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Stiles and second by Rupprecht to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes. The minutes were approved. Stiles motioned and Prigee seconded.

Financial Report. Moehnke gave the financial report. Valley View has paid off their loan and the other two loans in the revolving fund are in good standing. Cash on hand verse budget are on par. John Nienow spoke to the history of the revolving loan fund, and how the county EDA is a secondary borrowing option for larger projects

Subscription & Dues.

Motion to subscribe to the Southeast Minnesota Trails & The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails organizations to better keep up-to-date and receive pertinent information as we move forward with the Trails plans in Lewiston.

Old City Hall Sale.

There are two proposals in. The due date is March 8th, 2013. There are rumblings that there may be a few more coming before then.

The Ponds Project.

Moehnke gave an update on how the meeting with interested groups (DNR, Winona County SWCD, Sportsman Club, etc) on the potential of creating a park/nature conservatory/multi-use area where the old wastewater ponds were. We came to a conclusion that doing less will be more for the nature. Effluent water will be too expensive to put in the pond. We are now moving on to preliminary engineering & watching for a time to act on State grants. People are very enthused about the project and this topic will be continuing to appear on future EDA agendas.

Lewiston Trail Plan.

Buege & Rupprecht gave a quick update. Buege said they are getting proper colored maps made and electronically ready so they can start preparing to approach the City Council in the

future. The site of the trails was again went over as Moehnke and Rupprecht spoke about the Safe Routes to School Meeting he hosted with Bryan Holtz of Yaggy Colby. Moehnke brought up the location of the crosswalks, the new signs, and the trail in the green space of the elementary school. There will be representation from that meeting at the next School Board meeting to iron any issues that may come up.

Future Development.

There was interest in a new business coming to town. There was a discussion about the EDA's role in helping it happen which got back to the revolving loan fund and the ownership of properties in town.

Other Business.

Moehnke met with MnDOT Highway Landscaping architect & program manager about improving the highway 14 corridor. They are doing preliminary engineering work on it and should have a sample plan ready by March.

Adjournment. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm, March 25, 2013

Nienow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Minutes prepared by Brian Moehnke