

**Lewiston Economic Development Authority
Minutes
November 25, 2013**

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

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

Absent: Sharon Trester

Others: Brian Moehnke,

Meeting was called to order by Nienow at 5:00 pm.

Approve Agenda: The September agenda was approved.

Approve Minutes: The October minutes was approved. Larry Ruprecht made note of The Ponds Project being referred to as Nature Preserve.

Emergency Services Building: Waiting for the Rice & Main Street business to get back to the EDA to complete the financial analysis. A small discussion of what a downtown could look like with an EMS building anchoring the area.

Lewiston Trail Plain: There is a website with the plan available. At the time of the meeting it was not finished, but should have been sometime today. Brian will pass on the link to everyone to have a digital copy of the Plan. Larry went over the map and spoke of potential trailhead areas.

The Ponds Project: The Nature Preserve was seeded a week after our last meeting. Brian is preparing narratives, timelines, etc... to approach Legacy Grants in 2014. We were also contacted about our project by Whitewater Watershed Project, who puts a flyer into the LAX newspapers.

MNDOT Hwy 14 Corridor: The plan needs the input from the beautification committee, before the City Council will accept the plan. Brian will continue to coordinate with Jen Hengel about getting the project to the Council once more information is gained. We are still waiting for MNDOT to schedule a meeting with us.

Financial Report: The one inactive RLF business still has not paid towards their account. A conversation of RLF's and some potential thoughts out there of how to handle the current delinquent business.

Other Business & Discussion: City identity; a quick conversation of what the city and citizens view the city as was discussed. Brian knows of our railroad history, but cautioned that there are a lot of "railroad towns" in the area. A survey may take place in the future to help decide our city's identity.

A quick year in review took place. A lot of positive things occurred and we feel the upcoming year has a lot of potential as well.

Adjourned at 6:43

Prepared by: Brian Moehnke