

**Lewiston Economic Development Authority
Minutes
September 23, 2013**

The Lewiston Economic Development Authority met at 5:00 pm on September 23, 2013

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

Absent: John Stiles, 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 August minutes was approved.

Other Business & Discussion:

Nursing Home: That the EDA would support whatever or whomever is interested in the Villa. And that we would look into everything we can to help whatever tenant wants to join our community.

Housing Project: Mr. Moehnke gave an update about a possible housing project for Lewiston. Mr. Nienow expressed his concern with the possible project.

Grocery Store: No new updates

Clinic Conversation: No new updates

Alliant Energy: Is now Tri-County Energy. The EDA board had very positive things to say about the new owners of the utility company.

City Identity: Mr. Buege asked Brian to look into marketing strategies/companies to see what the cost would be to help Lewiston in having a marketable identity to those not in the community.

The Ponds Project: The spray occurred and the city is monitoring it in hopes to set up a burn and plant in the next two months. Mr. Moehnke described where the project is and how there needs to be a more comprehensive plan to be put into place with phases, timelines, to be able to apply to grants in the future. Mr. Moehnke stated that one of the issues for the project is a discrepancy in the actual land size and perimeter locations. Presented by Mr. Ruprecht, seconded by Mr. Prigee, voted 5-0; The EDA Committee recommends the City Council to use EDA Funds, no more than \$1,800, to get the nature preserve park/old retention ponds surveyed to further the city's interests in future grant applications and development.

Lewiston Trail Plan: The final trail plan is almost complete. There are some actions that need to take place in the near future. Working with county engineers on the sharrows of the County Roads is a high priority. Once the SRTS project is completed we need to think about capitalizing on the project by publicizing it, contacting newspapers, etc.. and also working with School District in this.

MnDOT Hwy 14 Landscaping: The plans are finished. The Beautification Committee will look over the plan on Wednesday before the City Council meeting.

Financial Report: Finances were status quo. We talked again about how to help one of our businesses which has an RLF loan out to them as they struggle to get their payments to the EDA. We have maintained good communication with them and continue to offer our services to keep them in the community.

Adjourned at 6:32

Prepared by: Brian Moehnke

