



GOODHUE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
County Boardroom
Government Center, Red Wing, MN
4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Jim Bryant, Dan Rechtzigel, Richard Samuelson, Ted Seifert,
Scott Arneson, Lisa Hanni, and Andrea Benck.

Scott Arneson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Arneson called for nominations for 2007 Economic Development Authority Board Chairman.

C/Rechtzigel nominated C/Bryant as Chair. Mr. Arneson asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Seifert and carried to approve to appoint Commissioner Jim Bryant as 2007 Chairman of the Economic Development Authority.

C/Bryant called for nominations for the 2007 Vice Chairman for the Economic Development Authority.

C/Rechtzigel nominated C/Seifert as Vice Chair. C/Bryant asked for any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Rechtzigel and carried to approve Commissioner Ted Seifert as the 2007 Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Authority.

C/Bryant called for a motion to appoint members of the County Board to the board of the EDA.

Moved by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to approve to appoint members of the County Board to the Board of Economic Development Authority.

C/Bryant called for a motion to appoint the Auditor/Treasurer as the Treasurer of the EDA.

Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Rechtzigel and carried to approve to appoint the Auditor/Treasurer as the Treasurer of the Economic Development Authority.

C/Bryant called for a motion to appoint the County Attorney as the Attorney of the Economic Development Authority.

Moved by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Seifert and carried to approve to appoint the County Attorney as the Attorney of the Economic Development Authority.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Rechtzigel and carried to approve the February 6, 2007, EDA Board Agenda.

Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Samuelson and carried to approve the December 7, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as written.

Red Wing Energy Park Property

The County was approached to discuss a potential land exchange with Automated Equipment in the Red Wing Energy Park plat on Moundview Drive in Red Wing. Shari Kullman-Chorney, Red Wing Port Authority, Dave Muelken, Automated Equipment, Scott Roepke, Cannon Valley Trail, Brian Peterson, City of Red Wing, and I have met to discuss the site and the appropriate procedures to exchange portions of our properties.

Automated Equipment is planning on expanding their business. They would like to build a new building next to their existing parking lot; however, the County owns a strip of land between their two parcels which would prohibit an efficient use of their existing facilities. They have suggested a land exchange between themselves and the County.

Attached is a map with the approximate land exchange areas.

Automated Equipment has agreed to hire a Land Surveyor to replat the County and Automated Equipment property into a new plat, based on the land exchange. Automated Equipment will be responsible for any costs associated with the platting process. Replatting the property will be a better method for describing the parcels.

Staff recommended that the County Board agree to a land exchange with Automated Equipment, with the understanding that Automated Equipment will be responsible for any costs associated with the exchange. Staff also recommended that the County Board agree to execute their approval upon the final plat when it is deemed final and ready for recording.

Dave Muelken with Automated Equipment and Shari Kullman-Chorney from the Red Wing Port Authority briefed the board on the project.

Shari Chorney stated that this was a great opportunity and would add additional employees to the community.

C/Seifert asked why the county would not issue an easement. Ms. Hanni stated that the county would still need to have access. An easement would land lock a parcel and she was not sure if the City Ordinance would allow that. It was a lot cleaner to replat the properties.

C/Bryant asked for a motion to approve the land exchange with Automated Equipment.

Motion by C/Samuelson, second by C/Rechtzigel, motion carried to approve to recommend the County Board agree to a land exchange with Automated Equipment, with the understanding that Automated Equipment will be responsible for any costs associated with the exchange and recommend that the County Board agree to execute their approval upon the final plat when it is deemed final and ready for recording.

C/Bryant asked how many jobs this would generate. Mr. Muelken stated that there are thirty-two employees at the existing site and the one to three year plan could add an additional six to ten quality jobs.

C/Bryant asked if there was any other business. C/Samuelson stated that he had an individual who he would like to appoint to the EDA board.

Mr. Arneson stated that there would be a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 20 to address the boards and committees.

C/Samuelson agreed to hold the name until the board addresses what they were going to do with the structures. C/Bryant suggested that staff talk with the other member of the board and find out if she was still interested in participating.

C/Rechtzigel suggested that the board come to a consensus on the structure at that Committee of the Whole meeting and invite the individuals to attend the next meeting.

Motion by C/Seifert, second by C/Samuelson, motion carried to adjourn the County EDA meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Arneson

Executive Secretary