



GOODHUE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Tuesday, December 7, 2006  
County Boardroom  
Government Center, Red Wing, MN  
4:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Rechtzigel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

C/Rechtzigel added an update from Ron Zeigler regarding potential opportunities to branch off on the manufacturing survey that was done, an information item.

*Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Bryant and carried to approve the amended December 7, 2006, EDA Board Agenda.*

*Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Samuelson and carried to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as written.*

**2007 EDA Budget**

*Motion by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Seifert, motion carried to approve that the 2007 Economic Development Authority budget to the County Board for approval.*

C/Samuelson stated that the revenue is strictly from abatement, Ms. Benck stated that the only revenue that goes into the 2007 budget is levy dollars, \$5,000. Ms. Benck stated that \$38,135 is the levy request for the EDA budget. It is not abatement dollars.

**DEED Grant Application**

Mr. Zeigler reminded the Commissioners that they are Economic Development Commissioners.

Mr. Zeigler stated that historically DEED dollars have been hard to come by, especially in southeast MN, any opportunity that we have to draw upon DEED dollars to come in this part of the State is a good thing. He pointed out that DEED scrutinizes every project, commented that in looking at the resolution and the information that was supplied it is purely an economic development project.

C/Seifert stated that he agrees with Mr. Ziegler and it is great opportunity for Cannon Falls and Goodhue County, better jobs will impact the entire county.

*Motion by C/Seifert, second by C/Samuelson, motion carried to approve the resolution supporting the DEED grant application for "The Falls".*

C/Samuelson questioned if this proposal is in its infancy, we do not know when it will happen, where it will happen, this has nothing to do with annexation. Mr. Zeigler stated that there is going to be much scrutiny that comes, the resolution before the EDA board is purely on the economic development aspect of the project, it states that Goodhue County supports the application going into the State.

C/Bryant stated that in the minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, ties into his comment, we want to make sure that we are cautious of the word proximity of the City. Mr. Zeigler stated that his understanding is that if the DEED application does move forward those issues will need to come back to the township and city when the time comes. C/Samuelson stated that we want to receive the million dollars but we are not putting any ties to it.

C/Rechtzigel stated that he agrees with all things that are said, we like to bring jobs to the County and further development this is the beginning process, other details need to be worked out, but it is a starting point.

**Manufacturing Survey Update**

Mr. Ziegler discussed potential opportunities for follow up on the manufacturing survey that was done approximately a year ago.

C/Bryant suggested that at the first meeting of the EDA Board in 2007 is where these suggestions can be brought back too. Requested that the discussion be placed on the next EDA agenda.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Lisa Hanni***  
Acting Executive Secretary