



GOODHUE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

County Boardroom ~ Government Center, Red Wing, MN
4:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Bryant, Dan Rehtzigel, Ted Seifert, Richard Samuelson, Richard Mallan,
Pat Anderson Others Present: Ron Zeigler, Cris Gastner, Dan King

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

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Mallan, carried to approve the October 2, 2007 EDA Board Agenda.

Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Mallan and carried to approve the June 5th, 2007 Board Meeting minutes as written.

Ron Zeigler, Southeastern Minnesota Development Corporation

Website. The project is on going. Mr. Gastner reported that he has had a couple of conversations regarding ideas for a county EDA webpage. It seems it would be more useful and easier to use if it is part of the current county website and that would be the direction they are heading. C. Gastner reviewed the ideas and items that they considering including on the County EDA webpage.

County EDA Directory. Letter has been sent out to the communities but they will be following up with them to get their information.

MN Community Capital Fund. R. Zeigler indicated that he attended at Breezy Point on behalf of the City of Chatfield. The Goodhue County Electric Cooperative receives their power from Great River Energy. Great River Energy is an investor in this fund and any location in the County that utilizes Goodhue County Cooperative, can utilize and leverage their funds. These are revolving loan fund dollars that up to a million dollars could be borrowed. The City of Red Wing has also invested in this capital fund.

Brian storming session with the cities. R. Zeigler requested establishing a time for the Goodhue County EDA to meet with the City EDA's. S. Arneson indicated that we would be the most successful planning it yet this year and hosting it early 2008. C/Bryant suggested that that the first meeting of the EDA in February at a mutual location outside the Board Room.

EDA JOBZ Resolution

Dan King, Zumbrota EDA Director indicated that the there is a water filtration system business moving into Zumbrota, it would bring a minimum of 5 jobs at \$10.92/hr in a 20,000 square foot building.

Motion by C/Rehtzigel, second by C/Samuelson, motion carried to approve the resolution modifying the JOBZ Program in Zumbrota.

WHEREAS the Goodhue County Board previously approved a Resolution (October 7, 2003) authorizing certain tax exemptions and submittal of an application requesting creation of the *Job Opportunity Building Zone* ("JOBZ") Program in Goodhue County, including the City of Zumbrota; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2003, The Goodhue County Economic Development Authority (“EDA”) also approved creation of the JOBZ Program in the City of Zumbrota; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development approved the application and request for JOBZ benefits to be established within Goodhue County, including the City of Zumbrota; and

WHEREAS the JOBZ District was modified by the City of Zumbrota and the Zumbrota EDA on March 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS the JOBZ District was modified by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and the Goodhue County EDA on April 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS the JOBZ District was again modified by the City of Zumbrota EDA on September 19, 2007, transferring one acre from PID number 72.395.0030 to a part of PID number 72.395.0020 (to be determined after recording of minor subdivision); and

WHEREAS the JOBZ District was again modified by the City of Zumbrota on September 20, 2007, transferring one acre from PID number 72.395.0030 to a part of PID number 72.395.0020 (to be determined after recording of minor subdivision); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and the Goodhue County EDA hereby approves the use of *JOBZ* tax exemptions and tax credits and the transfer of approximately one acre of the 4.74 acres of existing *JOBZ* designated area from PID number 72.395-0030 to part of PID number 72.395.0020 to facilitate plans by Water Filters Direct, LLC to construct and operate a new warehouse/distribution facility in Zumbrota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and the Goodhue County EDA agrees to provide all of the local tax exemptions and credits required and provided for under the *JOBZ* Legislation and agrees to forgo the tax benefits resulting from the local and state tax exemptions and credits provided under the *JOBZ* Legislation.

Vacant EDA Position

C/Bryant indicated that Dan King, City of Zumbrota EDA Director is interested in filling the vacancy on the Goodhue County EDA Board. At this point needs to return to the City of Zumbrota and get their approval.

Moved by C/Rechtzigel, second by C/Bryant, motion carried to extend an invitation to Dan King to fill the vacant EDA position.

Motion by C/Samuelson, second by C/Seifert, motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Arneson
Executive Secretary