



GOODHUE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
Goodhue County Board  
Red Wing, MN

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Present: Commissioners: Jim Bryant, Ted Seifert, Ron Allen, Dan Rechtzigel, Dan King and Patricia Anderson

Others: Ron Zeigler, Lisa Hanni, Steve Betcher, Carolyn Holmsten and Andrea Benck

C/Samuelson called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

*Moved by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to approve the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, EDA Board Agenda.*

*Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by P/Anderson, and carried to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, EDA Board Meeting minutes as written.*

**Website Update**

Ron Zeigler reviewed the work that is being completed to the County EDA website. Staff is always welcome to offer thoughts and suggestions. At this point it is live and operating and people can get to it. C/Bryant suggested that Dan King and Pat Anderson's contact information be included on the website as well.

**Kenyon School**

The County will soon be owners of the Kenyon school by forfeiture. Currently working with the school and City of Kenyon to come up with a plan as to what could happen with the building once it is owned by the County. Staff is working at formulating a plan to bring to the parties involved together and have something happen with that building. There is a need to take a proactive approach.

**Southeastern MN Development Corporation Contract**

R. Zeigler stated that in early October the proposed 2010 contract with Goodhue County was sent, he indicated that the contract is exactly like 2009 and that there is no increase in rate.

*Moved by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Rechtzigel and carried to approve the 2010 Southeastern MN Development Corporation Contract*

**EDA Budget**

Andrea Benck indicated that in the 2010 EDA Budget changes were made, the outside agencies line items was reduced to \$3,000, outside agency requests were reduced and those individuals were notified.

*Moved by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Seifert and carried to approve the 2010 EDA budget.*

**Agriculture Summit 2010**

R. Zeigler indicated that the County EDA held a successful agriculture summit in January of 2009 and questioned the EDA Board if they were interested in a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual again in January 2010. Board members agreed that it was a good idea and discussed possible agenda items. The following is a list of items suggested:

- Winery and vineyards
- Potential discussion on transportation in our area; roads/weight limits/access points/slow moving vehicles/hwy 52
- How we can tie activity in local areas to local towns; how do the two work together?
- Suggestion was made to contact U of M – working on rural tourism. Keep in contact with the partnership with the tourism organizations throughout the County.
- Discussion regarding an opportunity to plant something different.
- Transportation/trails and in the impact on agriculture

Last year a sub-committee met to discuss the logistics of the summit, Dan King, Commissioner Rechtzigel both volunteered to work with Ron Zeigler and his staff on the details of the Summit.

*Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Seifert moved to adjourn meeting*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Hanni