



**GOODHUE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011 ~ 9:45 a.m.
Kenyon City Hall, 709 2nd Street
Kenyon, MN 55946**

Present: Commissioners: Richard Samuelson, Ted Seifert, Ron Allen, Dan Rechtzigel.
Jim Bryant was absent.

EDA Members: Dan King and Patricia Anderson

Others: Scott Arneson and Ron Zeigler

C/Rechtzigel called for nominations for 2011 Economic Development Authority Board Chairman.

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

Motion passed unanimously naming C/Bryant the 2011 Chairman of the Economic Development Authority.

C/Rechtzigel called for nominations for the 2011 Vice Chairman for the Economic Development Authority.

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

Motion passed unanimously naming C/Samuelson the 2011 Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Authority.

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

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

C/Samuelson called for a motion to appoint the Finance Director as the Treasurer of the EDA.

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

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

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to approve 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 the May 3, 2011, EDA Board Agenda.

Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Rechtzigel, and carried to approve the November 16, 2010, EDA Board Meeting minutes as written.

Old Kenyon High School Kenyon City Administrator, Chris Heineman, reviewed the steps that have taken place since the last time he addressed the county board regarding the old Kenyon High School. The state did take tax ownership of the property. The city stepped in and put a hold on it for public use, however, the purpose has not yet been determined. Mr. Heineman reviewed estimates for the building including demolishing the building. The city will move forward with any type of grant opportunities that are available. Two applications have been submitted through DEED, however, the city did not rank high enough to receive any funding due to the fact that there were no jobs that would be created from the outcome of the project.

The city has found that the least costly option would be to develop the property as some type of park area. There will be a survey going out and available on line to residents.

C/Allen felt that the city was in the lead on whatever happens. Mr. Heinemann agreed that the city should be involved however without strong partners the city could not afford to take on the burden. If the state takes access of the building, the city has limited authority of what happens to the site.

The proposed timeline includes a final determination of plans on what to do with the building by August.

C/Rechtzigel recommended city, county, and school representatives sit down and talk about the feasibility to take care of the issue.

C/Rechtzigel suggested that a fence be put around the building.

Flood Recovery Loans Update. Ron Ziegler gave an update on the flood recovery for businesses in Goodhue County. Currently two loans had been approved. There are five others that are in the process and three would be reviewed by the committee on May 6.

Goodhue County Business of the Year. Ron Ziegler noted that C/Allen brought up the suggestion that Goodhue County name a "Business of the Year" and be awarded at the Summit each year.

C/Allen suggested modeling it off other programs such as the one the City of Red Wing has. Mr. Ziegler stated that his staff could put together some criteria for the next meeting.

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to approve to have staff bring forward criteria to for naming a "Business of the Year" annually at the EDA Summit.

Mr. Ziegler mentioned that there was a suggestion at the city/county/tribal meeting that the EDA Boards throughout the county come together. A meeting has been scheduled for the end of the month.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Arneson
Executive Secretary