



GOODHUE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, July 2, 2008
Cannon Valley Fair Grounds, Cannon Falls
9:30 a.m.

Present: Dan Rechtzigel, Ted Seifert, Richard Samuelson, Ron Allen, Dan King and Patricia Anderson.

Commissioner Seifert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by D. King, and carried to approve the July 2nd, 2008 EDA Board Agenda.

Moved by C/Rechtzigel, seconded by C/Samuelson and carried with D. King abstaining to approve the May 6th, 2008 Board Meeting minutes as written.

Cannon Falls JOBZ Change of Zone

Aaron Reeves, Cannon Falls City Administrator, requested the EDA Board approve a resolution to amend a JOBZ Zone. This issue was already approved by the City Council and the School Board.

County Administrator, Scott Arneson, noted that Ron Ziegler recommended both JOBZ applications that were on the agenda for today's meeting.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Rechtzigel, and carried to approve the following resolution to amend a JOBZ Zone for the City of Cannon Falls:

Sub-Zone of Approval to Amend the Job Opportunity Building Zones in the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Whereas, job creation, business development, and individual wealth growth in the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota have been less than the national and state averages; and,

Whereas, the resulting effects of such lagging job creation, business development, and individual wealth growth have harmed and are forecasted to continue to harm the economy of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota; and,

Whereas, the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Program created in Minnesota Session Laws 2003, 1st Special Session, Chapter 21, Article 1 allows for the formation of tax free zones; and,

Whereas, the location of business development is difficult to predict.

Be it Resolved that the Goodhue County Board, Goodhue County, Minnesota, at its meeting held on the 2nd day of July, 2008, upon careful consideration and review, approves removing 14.2 of the 60 JOBZ acres from the City of Cannon Falls JOBZ site (parcel # 52-510-0120) and transferring these acres to parcel #'s 52-112-0030 and 52-112-0020 in the City of Cannon Falls.

Be it Further Resolved, that the businesses seeking to access the JOBZ tax exemptions and tax credits are subject to proper review and approval by the City of Cannon Falls and are required to enter into a Business Subsidy Agreement and any other agreements deemed necessary by the City of Cannon Falls.

Be it Further Resolved, that Goodhue County agrees to provide all of the local tax exemptions and credits required and provided for under the Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) Legislation and agrees to forego the tax benefits resulting from the local and state tax exemptions and credits provided under the Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) Legislation.

Adopted by the Goodhue County Board on July 2, 2008.

Red Wing JOBZ Change of Zone

Shari Chorney, Business Development Director for the Red Wing Port Authority, requested that the EDA board approve a JOBZ Change of Zone for Automated Equipment.

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Samuelson, and carried to approve the following resolution to amend a JOBZ Zone:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO MODIFY RED WING'S JOB OPPORTUNITY BUILDING ZONE**

WHEREAS, Red Wing, Minnesota has lost employers or lost employment opportunity to other states and/or overseas due to lack of competitive business climate and/or lack of proper and competitive incentives; and

WHEREAS, The resulting effects of such lagging job creation, business development and individual wealth growth have harmed and forecasted to continue to harm the economy of Red Wing, Minnesota and have been magnified by the recent announcement of the closing of Dayco/Carlisle and Riviera Cabinets; and

WHEREAS, The Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Program created in Minnesota Session Laws 2003, 1st Special Session, Chapter 21, Article 1, allows for the formation and subsequent amendment of tax zones; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Red Wing desired to make application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development to move one acre (1) of JOBZ Property from the Tile Drive property; to accommodate 13,500 square feet of the Automated Equipment Building located at 5140 Moundview Drive.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Goodhue County Board and County EDA, agrees to provide all the local tax exemptions and credits required and provided under the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Legislation and agrees to forego the tax benefits resulting from the local and state tax exemptions and credits provided under the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) Legislation.

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2008

Universal Playground Equipment Funding

On March 15, 2005, the County Board passed a resolution stating that "\$10,000" per year from the taxes collected from the 1916 (old Central High School) project be added to the EDA budget for continued economic development throughout Goodhue County for the next ten years. At this time we have collected \$2,216.41 in 2007 and it is projected that actual resources will exceed \$10,000 in both 2008 and 2009.

On June 24, the Budget Committee met to address funding for outside agencies and a request was made for a one time donation to the Universal Playground Equipment Project being constructed at Colvill Park in Red Wing in the fall of 2008. The Budget Committee recommended that due to the economic impact, Goodhue County fund the Universal Playground Equipment Project in the amount of \$20,000 using those dollars allocated to the EDA for the 1916 Building Project to promote economic development in the county.

C/Samuelsen asked if this would be paid in 2008. Ms. Holmsten agreed.

P. Anderson questioned if future funds would be used for tourism. C/Rechtzigel stated that those funds are optional. The idea behind putting money aside was to promote economic development in the county so depending on the project those funds were available.

P. Anderson suggested that they develop guidelines or criteria for these funds. C/Samuelsen asked if the guidelines would be setup thru the EDA Board and the group agreed.

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Rechtzigel, and carried to approve to fund the Universal Playground Project \$20,000 to be paid in full in 2008 using the dollars allocated to the EDA budget from the 1916 Building taxes paid in 2008 and 2009.

OTHER

C/Allen suggested the Goodhue County EDA conduct a seminar to talk about wine production in Goodhue County. C/Seifert suggested that Ron Ziegler provide the EDA board with a report on the vineyard industry in Goodhue County and conduct the seminar.

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Rechtzigel, and carried to approve to request that Ron Zeigler provide the EDA Board with a report on the vineyard industry and conduct a seminar to talk about wine production in Goodhue County.

Dan added that they should also look at businesses that compliment the wine business as well.

Moved by C/Allen, seconded by C/Rechtzigel and carried meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Arneson
Executive Secretary