

MINUTES OF THE MINNEOTA EDA MEETING

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET FOR REGULAR MEETING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2023 AT 5:45 P.M.

BOARD PRESENT: Board Member Alex Lentz
Board Member John Noyes
Board Member John Rolbiecki
Board Member Jenny Buysse
Board Member Tim Koppien
Board Member Bruce Bossuyt
Board Member Jeff Sussner

BOARD ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Shirley Teigland

OTHERS PRESENT:

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Board chair John Noyes called the regular monthly meeting to order at 1830.

ITEM 2: CALL FOR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA.

No additions.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppien motioned, seconded by Bossuyt to adopt the agenda as with no additions. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING

Koppien motioned, seconded by Sussner, to Open Public Hearing at 1832 to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed sale of a parcel of real property in Minneota Industrial Park. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5: APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meetings read. Lentz motioned, seconded by Koppien to approve January 10, 2023 meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6: REPORTS AND UPDATES

5a TREASURER REPORT AND BILLS: board reviewed bank statement. Buysse motioned, seconded by Lentz, to pay taxes of \$602.21. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5bi LAND DEVELOPMENT: Nothing new to discuss.

5bii WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND WEBSITE STATS: We continue to have about 10-12 hits a month.

5biii LOAN COMMITTEE: Nothing new

ITEM 7: MINNEOTA AUTO CENTER

There has been interest by an experienced auto mechanic thinking of starting a business in the currently closed Auto Center Building. Discussion was held on the loan process if this individual is interested in a low interest EDA loan. The EDA does need to make a contract and guidelines, including a business plan and amount requested. John will get the loan committee together to start this process.

ITEM 8: MINNEOTA ROBOTICS

Kacie Callens, Ryanna Waldner of the Minneota HS Robotics Team, along with their advisor David Moriarty, gave a presentation on the robotics program, team members and upcoming competitions. It was very informative. Discussion was held with the board and students about area businesses that may be interested in the same information.

ITEM 9: EDA LAND FOR SALE SIGN

Bruce Bossuyt presented information on all the options for a new sign. If we get it in 4 sections it will be significantly less cost. Lentz motioned, seconded by Buysse, to go with the Coro material in 4 sections. It will be more durable than the previous material and cost less than \$200. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 10: CONCERNED CITIZENS

Discussion for open meeting held at this time. Lois Dero, Denise Ahmann and Tom Whortenbury were representatives for the cul de sac that will be directly next to the land sold. The concerns that they brought forward – 1. Is the land zoned residential or commercial. It was zoned commercial in the past. 2. Will there be a bigger sound barrier. Previously UFP planted a tree line for sound but they can still hear machines easily. The sale will bring them right up to the current tree line. Will they be adding additional sound barrier? 3. How will UFP control the debris? There has been large plastic pieces that blow into the waterway and left. Will they add a fence line to contain debris better? Who can they contact to notify when garbage is there? 4 Will UFP continue to work 24 hours a day? There is concern that there will be machinery running near the homes all hours of the night and day.

After discussion the plan will be to add to the contract: UFP must add another buffer strip between the land and residential area and they must monitor debris and clean anything up. John Noyes will discuss all this with the manager of UFP, Corey Moseng. We are to call Lois Dero with an update.

ITEM 11: LAND RENT

The land rented out in the EDA owned industrial park has been decreased by 7 acres with the land sale. Rent stays at \$150 an acre. Bossuyt motioned, seconded by Lentz, to continue this rate. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Koppien motioned, seconded by Lentz, to close public hearing at 1914. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

Koppien motioned, seconded by Sussner, to adjourn meeting at 1927. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next scheduled Regular EDA Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Noyes, President

Jenny Buysse, Secretary

