

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 30, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, President Menk called the meeting of the Brainerd Economic Development Authority to order at 8:05 A.M.

Present were Commissioners Ed Menk, Terry Johnson and Jerry Sinner. Also present were City Administrator Goble, Incoming City Administrator Wussow, City Planner Ostgarden, Council Members Cumberland and Borkenhagen, Ms. Sheila Haverkamp from BLAEDC and Mr. Kevin Close from Close~Converse.

Retiring City Administrator Goble introduced incoming City Administrator Patrick Wussow.

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Chair Menk stated that a request had been made to rotate items #6 and #7 because of travel time; Commission concurred.

Approval of Minutes – Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS JOHNSON AND ERICKSON, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 25, 2013 EDA MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Approval of Financial Report – Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS ERICKSON AND SINNER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

GMNP Greater MN Partnership Membership – Presentation – Authorize \$1,000 Contribution – Approved

The Chair welcomed Mr. Mike Miller from Greater MN Partnership, who discussed the goals of GMNP, including making MN a greater place to do business and advocating for businesses to come to Minnesota. He asked for input and support on what Brainerd needs and discussed a 10 point plan being presented to the legislature soon with focus on the “broadband expansion” and Bonding and Infrastructure in Greater MN.

EDA President Menk passed the gavel in order to second the motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS JOHNSON AND MENK, DULY CARRIED, TO CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 TO THE GMNP GREATER MN PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM.

Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation – Informational

The Chair recognized Ms. Sheila Haverkamp, who distributed an invite for the BLAEDC Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 from 11:30am to 1:15pm at the Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter featuring local business perspectives and “Business Prospects for 2014” by David Olson, MN Chamber of Commerce President. She also distributed information on the “Rent-A-Board” program, part of the EXECs program with BLAEDC.

She reported that Wausau is in the “due diligence” phase with a prospect looking to repurpose and reuse the site as well as sell equipment within the buildings.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Goble discussed the Whittier School sale offer from ISD 181, stating that terms have not yet been discussed. She asked anyone interested in serving on the GMNP Greater MN Partnership Board they should let staff know.

Commissioners' Comments/Questions

None.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:43 A.M.

Terry M. Johnson
Secretary