

DANUBE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Member Ben Ryan called the Wednesday, March 12, 2014 meeting of the Danube Economic Development Authority to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Gene Alex Sr., Ben Ryan and Cindy Mertens. Absent: Al Strunc

Others present: Calvin & Suzie Lueck and Edsel Bernstrom

Approval of Agenda

Gene Alex Sr. moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Alex Sr. moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office

Cindy Mertens read and signed the Oath of Office.

Old Business

Calvin Lueck – Digital Sign – Calvin gave an informative presentation on the digital sign to the EDA to inform all of the members present of the current status with the proposed electronic signage. Calvin presented the idea about putting up an electronic digital sign up at the intersection of Highway 212 and County Road 1. Currently there is positive support from the non-profit organizations in Danube for the sign but no financial commitments from any of the organizations he has talked with. Calvin has spoken with a few businesses for support but most have declined due to having conflict with other communities. One of several issues that will need to be addressed is that the current sign which lists the businesses in Danube would have to come down in order to put up a digital sign. Another issue is determining an amount each organization or business would have to donate to have their name listed as a donor to the project on a plaque. Also, the concerns of getting electricity to the sign, the annual cost for the placement of the digital sign at the stated location, along with who maintains the sign, advertising on the sign and whom will own the sign. No action was taken, as there appears to be information needed for the project.

Jeff Sindelir – Resignation – *Gene Alex Sr. moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Jeff Sindelir from the EDA Council. The motion carried unanimously.*

Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Dotty reported that two Menard's bills were paid by the City of Danube and need to be reimbursed by the EDA account. The bills include \$87.61 for stove top burners and \$42.92 for a CO detector, grand total of \$130.53.

Cindy Mertens moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to approve the financial statement and pay the bills as submitted by EDA Secretary-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich. The motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Mertens requested that Dotty speak with Dan Kaufenberg on making future purchases of items needed locally.

New Business

ELF Grant – Dotty informed the committee members that the 2014 ELF applications have been mailed to the businesses and the committee will need to review the applications and make a decision regarding the funding at the next meeting on June 11, 2014.

New Bank Authorization – Due to Jeff Sindelir resigning the EDA is in need of a new signer at Minnwest Bank in Danube. Ben Ryan *moved and Gene Allex Sr. seconded a motion to remove Jeff Sindelir from any bank authorization and approved for Cindy Mertens authorization to perform financial transactions dealing with the EDA of Danube.* The motion carried unanimously.

Garbage Disposal – Plumber Needed – Dotty reported that a garbage disposal and toilet in one of the units is in need of service. At the prior EDA meeting in December it was decided that any issues that arise from garbage disposals will no longer be replaced or fixed but are to be removed permanently. Al Strunc asked Dotty to call Dan Kaufenberg and have him talk with Randy Grunke about removing the garbage disposal and fix the toilet. Dan spoke with Randy and Randy informed Dan that he longer has a license to do that kind of work. The committee asked Dotty to speak with Dan and have him contact Sam Smith to see if he can address the plumbing concerns. If Sam Smith is unable then the EDA encourages Dan to contact a local business to address the repairs in a timely fashion.

Correspondence – Doug’s Lawn & Landscaping Service, LLC – No discussion was held regarding the flyer.

Time Change –After a brief discussion it was decided that the EDA meetings will move to 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

The next regular EDA meeting will be on June 11 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Gene Allex Sr. moved and Cindy Mertens seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Schnobrich, Secretary - Treasurer