

DANUBE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

President Al Strunc called the Wednesday, December 14, 2016 meeting of the Danube Economic Development Authority to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Al Strunc, Gene Alex Sr., Cindy Mertens, Ben Ryan, and Keith Sharpe

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Cindy Mertens moved and Keith Sharpe seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Keith Sharpe moved and Gene Alex seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lloyd Bentley Carpet Follow-up – Cindy Mertens and Ben Ryan looked at the carpet and determined the best was to put carpet back down instead of vinyl. The carpet was less expensive then to put the vinyl. Ben Ryan communicated with all the EDA members about the quote from Riverside and once everyone approved he went ahead and contacted Riverside. The carpet has been installed at Bentley's apartment. Ben Ryan also reported that the padding was in good condition so Riverside didn't need to replace the padding so the quote given by Riverside will be reduced for the cost of the padding that was included in the quote.

Tom Sindelir – Al Strunc asked Ben Ryan if he would look at Tom Sindelir's light fixture in the washer and dryer closet. Tom reported that there is water in the fixture to Al Strunc. The EDA members discussed possible things that would cause water to get in the fixture. Ben Ryan will go and look at it and report back his findings.

RMK Maintenance Contract 2017 – The EDA members reviewed the lawn maintenance proposal for 2017. Ben asked for RMK to put together a spring, summer and fall maintenance schedule. Al Strunc said he would take care of the summer maintenance of spraying the weeds around the trees, rocks and driveways to save the EDA \$256.50 in expenses.

Cindy Mertens moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to approve the Spring and Fall Maintenance from RMK Construction for \$1,214.10. The motion carried unanimously

Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Cindy Mertens moved and Keith Sharpe seconded a motion to approve the financial statement and pay the bills as submitted by EDA Secretary-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich and to include the payment to Riverside for the carpet installation. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

EDA Members – Cindy Mertens asked if the EDA was looking for another member yet. Dotty informed the EDA members that Rick Marks is interested in joining the EDA. The members discussed the item and decided to have Keith Sharpe talk to Rick Marks about joining the EDA.

EDA Grant – Dotty informed the EDA members the Business Innovation Grant has changed and businesses no longer need to go through their local EDAs before going to the Renville County EDA when applying for the grant money. Suzie Lang, Director of Renville County EDA, did say that if the Danube EDA would still like to be involved they could ask the businesses to still turn in the application to them to see. The EDA members were not happy with Renville County EDA on the changes that took Danube EDA out of the equation.

Community Garden – Dotty spoke with the EDA members about seeing if they would possibly be interested in supporting a community garden in Danube. The EDA members discussed the community garden on their thoughts and concerns about different ways to do the garden. The EDA members asked that Dotty bring back the community garden to the March meeting after the Council meeting in February.

The next regular EDA meeting will be on March 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Cindy Mertens moved and Ben Ryan seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Schnobrich, Secretary - Treasurer