

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
April 28th, 2010**

The April 28th, 2010 Arlington EDA meeting was called to order by Vice-President David Krueger at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were; Noack, Vrklan, Pichelmann, Krueger and Sorenson. Also present was Director Schultz, and Winthrop City Administrator Mark Erickson. Absent were members Lundstrom and Feterl.

Agenda was reviewed and a motion made and seconded (Noack/Sorenson) to approve the agenda. Approved.

Motion/second (Sorenson/Noack) to approve the meeting minutes, with a minor correction, of the February 24th EDA meeting. Approved.

Motion/second (Sorenson/Pichelmann) to approve the minutes of the joint Council/EDA meeting of March 9th. Approved

Financial report was reviewed. Motion/second (Krueger/Sorenson) to approve February/March financial report. Approved.

Mark Erickson, Winthrop City Administrator, presented the concept of a county-wide fiber-to-the-Home data network. Blandin Broadband Strategy Board is offering grants to groups of public entities to conduct feasibility studies regard these data networks. This network should be considered a utility and eventually, if the project is viable and is seriously proposed and moving forward, a joint powers board, comprised of the participating communities will be formed to oversee the network's activities.

At this time Mark only needs 3 communities on-board to send in with the application. Winthrop and Fairfax are the first two. No match funding is needed at this time.

Motion made and seconded (xxxx/xxxx) that the EDA supports the fiber network project as one with great potential for economic and community growth and allow the use of Arlington EDA's name to be put on the Blandin Fiber Feasibility study application. Approved.

The group was updated on the UFC elevator project. Additional topics surrounding the UFC project and of possible involvement by the EDA include:

Phase 1 environmental review, engineering concepts and layouts, DEED infrastructure match grant, USDA Rural Development grants, Region 9 development grants/loans, UFC's intentions with their potentially abandoned downtown elevator property.

Director Schultz updated the EDA on his contacts with 1) Technical Services, 2) a gentleman interested in a classic car business, 3) a tractor/large truck repair business, 4) possible real estate business storefront presence, 5) and a composting business that may be interested in the land potential south of Arlington.

V&W's application for the RRR is still being processed and it's hoped that the loan will be distributed within the next week.

The Governor's Office sent a letter of recognition of receiving the EDA's letter in support of the railroad improvements in the 2010 bonding bill.

Next meeting will be held in the City Tech Center, 6:00 p.m. on May 26th, 2010

Motion and second (Vrklan/Sorenson) to adjourn. Approved.

Vice-President David Krueger

Director, Denny Schultz