

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Arlington EDA meeting was called to order by President Mike Feterl at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Feterl, Sorenson, Lundstrom, Noack, Krueger, Councilmember Pederson, and Councilmember Vrklan.

Also present: Director Schultz,  
Agenda was reviewed, amended (Lundstrom/Vrklan) and approved.

Election of Officers was next. Noack nominated Lundstrom for President. Nominations ceased and seconded. Lundstrom elected by unanimous ballot.

Sorenson nominated Mike Feterl for Vice President. Nominations ceased and seconded. Mike Feterl elected vice president by unanimous ballot.

Minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved (Sorenson/Noack) as presented.

Financial reports were reviewed with discussion and questions. Motion made and seconded (Feterl/Vrklan) to approve financial reports. Passed.

The Arlington First Impressions report for Cokato was presented on December 15<sup>th</sup> and was well received. The Arlington has invited Cokato to present their report sometime in the future to the City Council. The EDA is considering the possibility of "Downtown" signs for the major intersections to point the way to our retail/commercial district. It was a consensus that the First Impressions Program was worth the effort.

The EDA considered the \$1 per capita funding request from the MN Valley Regional Rail Coalition for their lobbying and operational efforts. Originally the City Council was considering this request but chose to pass this item to the EDA. Motion made and seconded (Noack/Sorenson) to contribute \$2110 to the MN Valley Regional Railroad Coalition. Passed.

A brief report was presented by Director Schultz on the future plans the United Farmers Coop has for the grain elevator site. Demolition of the old buildings and construction of new bins and conveyors is a possibility for sometime in the future. The UFC Board will be deciding the timetable for moving ahead with this project. Planning and Zoning should be the first step in moving forward and having UFC present their plans to the city as soon as they are available. The EDA encouraged Director Schultz to continue conversations with UFC General Manager Jeff Nielson and make them aware that Arlington will cooperate any way that they can.

No new developments in the G.E.I.S. bankruptcy issue.

Goals for the EDA in 2009 were discussed. One of the Goals For 2009 presented by Mayor Kreft is to develop a "Downtown Vitalization Project". Director Schultz will explore the possibilities of utilizing the Hometown Minnesota group to assist in the visioning process. The 2009 EDA goals also could be gleaned from the EDA's participation in the Comprehensive Plan Update. EDA by-law updating and review of the EDA's financial fund structure should be also considered for 2009. It was suggested that the members consider that goal possibilities and meet again in February.

There was a short discussion on the City's latest conversation with Jeff Hennen Development and the property he owns on the southern boundary of Arlington.

Upcoming SEDCO/EDA county-wide strategic planning meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Gaylord. EDA members are encouraged to attend.

The City has arranged a payment schedule with Al Giesen to get Mr. Giesen caught up with his delinquent EDA revolving loan payments.

Next meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 11<sup>th</sup> (since changed to the 18<sup>th</sup>).

Meeting adjourned. (Sorenson/Krueger). Passed.

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President, Mark Lundstrom

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Director, Denny Schultz