



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes.
 - A. August 27, 2013
5. Approval of Financial Reports.
 - A. August 2013
 - B. September 2013
6. Old Business.
 - A. Industrial Park Concept Plan
 - B. MnDOT Landscape Program
7. New Business.
 - A. Farm Lease: Nickel and Swenson Property
8. Board Announcements.
9. Adjourn

THERE MAY BE A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR APPOINTED COMMITTEES AT THIS MEETING
NO OFFICIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MEETING BY ANY ENTITY OTHER THAN THE ARLINGTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



**MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2013 @ 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by President Lundstrom at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Bergersen, Kloeckl, President Lundstrom, Sorenson, Thomes,
Councilmember Nuesse
Member Absent: Councilmember Ruehling
Also Present: Director Smith-Strack, City Adm. Donabauer

Motion by Bergersen, seconded by Thomes, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the August 27th meeting as presented.

The August and September Financial Reports were reviewed.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Bergersen, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the August and September Financial Reports as presented.

Dir. Smith-Strack provided an update on the Industrial Park Concept Plan. She stated that Adm. Donabauer and she had met with representatives from MnDOT recently to discuss potential locations for access points to Hwy 5 from the Industrial Park. It was confirmed that an access could be put in between the EDA and Hennen properties but turn and bypass lanes would be needed and would cost approximately \$250,000. Smith-Strack commented that funding to assist with the costs of the improvements was available through the Transportation Economic Development (TED). She would like to contact Mark Hennen, owner of the property across Hwy 5; to see what his intentions were for development of the property, in order to put a complete definition together for the intersection. Smith-Strack commented that she was aware of a potential business looking to purchase/develop a portion of Mr. Hennen's property. It was noted that utilities would have to be extended to both sides of Hwy 5.

Smith-Strack commented that she and various City Representatives had met with members from Seneca Foods regarding the Hwy 5 access currently in place by the gravel roadway that runs behind Seneca. It was noted that if this intersection were enhanced versus putting in the one mentioned above, the cost of improvements would be half the cost, since there is existing additional width. During the meeting, they were informed that the silage pile will be going away as they are currently working on permitting to have the pile moved elsewhere. They are also looking at possibly upgrading their migrant worker housing facilities (to a multiple unit building).

Smith-Strack commented that there has been some talk at the County about someday connecting Hwy 5 and County 17 along the township section line. Due to financial restrictions, this will not be feasible for quite some time.

Smith-Strack gave an update on the MnDOT Landscaping Program. MnDOT's Landscape Architect was in the process of developing plans for softening areas adjacent to Hwy 5, which included in front of the Community Center and near Adams Street.

Discussion was held on the Nickel and Swenson properties and whether to continue leasing or sell one or both of them. Smith-Strack noted that both properties are currently under two-year leases, which are due to expire at the end of this year. Thomes suggested selling the Nickel property since it can't be used as industrial property any longer with the housing development that has occurred in the area. Sorenson agreed with the idea. It was agreed that the EDA should retain ownership in the Swenson property. Smith-Strack suggested possibly doing a land swap with Hennen.

Motion by Kloeckl, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to advertise the Nickel Property for Sale or Lease with the right to refuse any and all bids.

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Kloeckl, and passed by unanimous vote to advertise the Swenson Property for Lease with the right to refuse any and all bids.

Smith-Strack gave an update on the Scott Equipment and Hutch Co-Op land purchases. She explained that agreements had been reached between the parties and construction/expansion on both facilities is anticipated in the spring; therefore increasing Arlington's tax base some.

Smith-Strack commented that she had become aware that TSE's manufacturing building was being sold to the DAC; which will lower the tax base.

Smith-Strack noted that the Bowling Alley was for sale.

Thomes gave an update on SEDCO. He stated that the Fiber Project was back up for discussion again as they were pursuing General Obligation Bonds this time around and would be approaching each city again to participate.

Thomes commented that he believes SEDCO will be joining the Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Development Committee next year.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.

President Mark Lundstrom

Director, Cynthia Smith-Strack