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Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom and In Person Council Chambers

Present: Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, Joe Goetzke, and Cathy Enerson

Absent: None

Visitors: Andrej Zalinski, Sarah Peterson, Kara Maloney, Pauline Sukow, Hillary, Michele Peterson and Darla Taylor

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 11:02 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Goetzke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Lanesboro Arts Update and Wayfinding Sign update under items from members. Member Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the minutes from February 4, 2021 as presented. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

A. Updates:

- 1. **Treasurer's Report:** The EDA operating fund has a balance of \$12560.49 The Loan fund is currently at \$25,778.40 with all loans current. It was also noted that the LPU transfer of funds to the EDA operating account for 2021 has not yet taken place but will be reflected before the next meeting.
- 2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Council Member Goetzke noted that the development of Hillside Ave was approved for a proposed development by Geoff Griffin. A rural taxing district was also approved. A letter of support was sent to Representative Davids and Senator Miller in support of the Free Beer Bill requested of the council by Sylvan Brewing. The Comprehensive Plan was also approved. The peddler ordinance was reviewed and tabled.
- 3. **Chamber of Commerce:** Alison Leathers will be the new president of the Chamber Board. Communication materials are in the developing stages and will be shared once finalized.
- 4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** The Guest Hus has a new owner. Kim Berekvam will be opening a restaurant in her building. A workgroup will be established between the Chamber and Business Promotion Group.
- 5. **School Board:** Sarah Peterson shared that the construction continues and the kitchen has had several items to be addressed, however it would be operational soon with a high priority level given to address the needs. As of last Friday over half of the staff had been fully vaccinated. Enrollment numbers have risen from 355 in October to current number of students at 390. Superintendent Schultz has been named President of the NRE board.
- 6. **Lanesboro Arts:** Kara Maloney shared a mainstreet initiative program would align well with the EDA. She noted the 2012 HPC guidelines for the downtown commercial district. The Arts Center will host outdoor concerts in 2021 and will continue to work towards the vision of an arts campus. As a young

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member of our community she offers interest in the affordable housing needs. She also offered grant writing assistance as needed.

B. Director's Report: Director Enerson reviewed her report with board members, the report was included in the meeting packet as well. Member Edwards made the motion to pledge \$40,130 to the USDA for grant assistance to build the revolving loan fund in the amount of \$99,999.00. Motion was seconded by Member Goetzke. Motion carried all in favor.

C. New Business:

1. **Stay Safe Grant Applications:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the grant application for Eagle Bluff LLC. Member Edwards seconded. Member Goetzke abstained due to his employment at Eagle Bluff. Motion carried.

D. Items from Member:

1. **LEAN:** No update, see Cathy's Report.
2. **Phil Dybing-Housing Group (MHP):** A meeting for later today will be rescheduled for March 17 at 1pm. Barb Jeffers will do an article for the Fillmore County Journal.
3. **Phil Dybing-Wayfinding Sign:** Phil mentioned that he was able to get a quote from Solberg Welding and Kelly Printing. The wayfinding sign details will be finalized in an upcoming meeting.

Adjourn: Member Dybing moved to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Edwards. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor
Deputy Clerk