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**Lanesboro Economic Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 1, 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:** Andrezj Zalinski, Sarah Peterson, Chris Hahn, Ben, Michele Peterson and Darla Taylor

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 11:01 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Knotty Pines Stay Safe Grant, Banners, WSU Education Event and Fillmore County EDA, Cares Act Update. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the minutes from March 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 \$21860.49 The Loan fund is currently at \$26,313.23 with all loans current.
- 2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Administrator Peterson noted that County Road 21 will be under construction and could impact the accessibility of the brush dump. Also Hwy 250 outside of Lanesboro will be worked on this summer with the big Hwy 250 project in Lanesboro scheduled for 2026. She also noted that Lanesboro is a tree city usa again for 2020. The city is also working with the township on the annexation of 180 acres and also with Mienergy for utilities service area. Planning and Zoning is looking for feedback on a possible Food truck discussion.
- 3. **Chamber of Commerce:** The 2021 Map and Guide are being printed and finalized. The hiring freeze was lifted to fill a temporary seasonal position.
- 4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** Lots of new activity with possible new businesses was noted.
- 5. **School Board:** Sarah Peterson shared that delays in production are creating the holdup for completion of some of the project including glass windows. The Senior Class Trip, Prom and Graduation are all moving forward. Additionally a spring choir concert and elementary track and field day are in the works. Sarah will work to schedule a tour of the school for the EDA commission members.
- 6. **Lanesboro Arts:** No update given.

- B. **Director's Report:** Director Enerson reviewed her report with board members, the report was included in the meeting packet as well. Director Enerson was excited to share that the Veteran's Home in Preston is moving forward. Member Dybing made the motion to apply to Mienergy for grant assistance to build the revolving loan fund. Motion was seconded by Member Goetzke. Motion carried all in favor.

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**C. New Business:**

1. **Stay Safe Grant Applications:** Member Goetzke motioned to approve the 3 grant applications for Whalan Depot, Loubelle's and Knotty Pine Cabins. Motion was seconded by Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.
2. **Stay Safe Grant Guidelines:** A motion to approve the amendment and use Stay Safe funds to hire an intern was made by Member Goetzke. The motion was seconded by Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.
3. **First time home buyer incentive:** REV has secured \$17,000. Housing links can be found on the EDA page of the city's website.

**D. Items from Member:**

1. **LEAN:** Next Meeting is April 21st.
2. **Phil Dybing-Housing Group (MHP):** An article was published in the Fillmore County Journal.
3. **Phil Dybing-Wayfinding Sign:** The sign was ordered from Solberg Welding. There will be a push to get the sign done in April.
- 4.

**E. Other**

1. **Fillmore County EDA Update:** Chris Hahn shared information on the funding that was received by Lanesboro Businesses from Fillmore County. He also noted that Lanesboro will receive approximately \$80,000 in the next round of funding. Chris also noted that Broadband needs are being discussed and addressed at the county level.
2. **WSU Education Event:** The opportunity for a Mental Health Education Event was shared. The possibility of hosting will be explored.
3. **Banners:** A grant from the LACF was submitted for new banners. It was noted that the AARP community grant may also be a funding source for banners to beautify the city light poles.

**Adjourn:** Member Goetzke moved to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor  
Deputy Clerk