

**Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Thursday April 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom and In Person Council Chambers**

Present: Phil Dybing, Tom Pursell, Jason Resseman, Michael Boho, Cathy Enerson, Michele Peterson, Darla Taylor and Joe Goetzke

Absent:

Visitors: Zach Lind, Dave Lind, Andrej Zalinski, Alison Leathers, Sarah Peterson, Michael Seiler, Ryan and Allie Palmer, Melissa Vanderplas, Kara Malony and Bonita Underbakke.

1. **Call To Order:** Member Dybing called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. **Agenda:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the agenda.. Member Pursell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Welcome Guests:** No comments, guests were welcomed.
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to the minutes of the Lind Loan requirements . Member Pursell seconded the motion.. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - a. March 2, 2023 EDA Minutes
 - b. March 2023 Financial Reports
5. **City Business:**
 - a. **Council Reps/City Administrator/Planning and Zoning:** MN Dot was present at the business promotion meeting to share communications of the 2026 street project and requested survey participation. Emergency Services will host an open house on April 29th. The current road project is gearing back up for construction. P&Z approved a zoning change for the old WWTF land to industrial.
 - b. **Increasing the size of the EDA:** Member Jason Resseman and Michael Boho were introduced.
 - c. **Chamber:** Visitors Guides and Maps are priority and they are gearing up for the season. They are hoping to build up the ambassador program, and they continue to collect visitor data. A second wayfinding sign is in the works in partnership with the DNR.
 - d. **School Board:** Sarah Peterson noted that contract negotiations have started. The solar panels are operational. The Legislature has new information on Unemployment package benefits and funding and the impact to schools is yet to be determined. The senior class will be returning from DC today. Additionally a free breakfast/lunch benefit program will be implemented in July.
6. **Revolving Loan:**

Approved 5/4/23

- a. **New Loans:** Cathy suggested a development agreement to include lease, equipment, insurance, operation in Lanesboro and state and local permitting. A motion to approve the addition of a development agreement was made by Member Resseman and seconded by Member Goetzke. Motion carried all in favor.
- b. **Collections-Beautiful Something:** Paperwork has been drafted and submitted to Shanalee for a restructuring of her defaulted loan amount. Shanalee has not responded to the requests.

7. Old Business:

- a. **U of MN tourism assessment, SOAR, and Blandin former and new updates and expenses.** A motion to approve the hourly rate of \$40.00 for professional services was made by Member Resseman and seconded by Member Pursell. Motion carried all in favor. A motion to approve payment of bills submitted for the SOAR event was made by Member Goetzke and seconded by Member Resseman. Bills included are Claras, Fillmore County Journal, Kelly Printing, Alison Leathers, Kristen Eggen, and Parkway Market. Motion carried all in favor.
- b. **Community Cooperative Investment Group Next Steps:** A steering committee of involved persons will meet on Apr 19, 2023 with the goal of getting the organization up and running with the help of LEAN and EDA.
- c. **Housing Meeting with potential developers:** Cathay will schedule a meeting and it will be posted.

8. New Business:

- a. **Education Opportunities:** A meeting was held with Julie Kiehne and Jennifer Hawkins to explore opportunities. There were 12 applicants for the WOW opportunity so 4 will be chosen randomly to attend. An extension to December 31st will be requested so that other opportunities fall with the time line.
- b. **LEAN Recap:** The coordination and communication with businesses continues. A representative from SMIT was present to share resources to the group.
- c. **Other:**
 - i. A possible Emergency Loan may need to be addressed before the next meeting. If needed a special meeting will be scheduled for Apr 19, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.
 - ii. Member Goetzke questioned what the guidelines for USDA Loan funds are on the newly approved cannabis laws.

Adjournment: Member Resseman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor