

MINUTES EDAP BOARD

APRIL 17, 2012

Bruce Stang called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Members present were Chris Stanley, Jean Soine, and Gene Beavers. Also present was Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Al Habben, Don Wiese and Don Pietsch were absent.

Motion was made by Stanley to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 EDAP Meeting. Seconded by Beavers and unanimously carried.

INCUBATOR/INDUSTRIAL PARK

Pay Del Co is having a meeting to discuss what they really want to do with their property. Pay Del Co is not interested in purchasing the blighted property on Minnie Street. Eckerly reported on two grant programs through DEED for infrastructure, but both must have a business with a Business Plan and a letter of commitment showing the number of jobs that will be created. The TED program is an annual grant and is due the end of April. The Board agreed to sell the lots, but they must be shovel ready.

ECONOMIC STATUS

The Board discussed Opportunity Park, NASA, Swyters, Adult Day Care, the Corner Drug-parking lot, and SKINZ. Eckerly will contact Jim Anderson, Stearns County HRA to see if the City can apply for more rehab money.

PAST DUE LOANS

Eckerly reported that Blooms and Queen Bees have both been sent letters.

BLIGHTED PROPERTY ON MINNIE STREET

Eckerly reported that there are no interested parties to purchase the properties. The City will continue to move forward with cleanup and assessing the cost to the property.

REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

The Board discussed whether to solicit businesses to make them aware of the funding that is available. The Board discussed the sign awning grant that was done in 2008. Eckerly is to contact DEED and get ideas to solicit land/buildings.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Board discussed whether there was anything in the City's minutes that would detail AMPI's intentions for the gate/landscaping of the closed roadway.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.