

**MINUTES
EDAP BOARD MEETING**

AUGUST 16, 2016

Chairperson, Jean Soine called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Members present were Bruce Stang, Kay McDaniel, Don Pietsch, and Wayne Nelson. Also present was Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Don Wiese and Chris Stanley were absent.

Motion was made by Pietsch to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2016 EDAP Board meeting. Seconded by McDaniel and unanimously carried.

SENIOR HOUSING – ST. FRANCIS HEALTH SERVICES

Eckerly reported on the presentation that was given to staff from St. Francis Health Services. They are interested in building a facility in Paynesville across from McDonalds (on the airport side). Eckerly has connected them with Ed Tschida regarding a TIF. They have conducted a feasibility study. Eckerly has contacted Dennis Miley, CentraCare Health Paynesville to find out CentraCare's plans. The EDAP Board does not want to hurt the current hospital system. The EDAP Board will wait for St. Francis to come with a presentation.

CLIFF VIESSMAN, INC.

Eckerly reported that she did contact Andy Viessman to see if there is anything that EDAP or the City could do to try to assist them after the fire. Stang will also contact Mr. Viessman.

ECONOMIC STATUS OF COMMUNITY

Heatherwood Plat connection to Heatherwood Street – It is dangerous for children to be biking on County Road 34. The history of this situation was explained to the Board by Pietsch. Pietsch also reported on a proposed trail from Heatherwood Street along the soccer field, but can't get two easements from private residents.

Eckerly reported that a purchase offer for 2 ¼ lots in Opportunity Park will be coming to the Council on August 22, 2016.

Eckerly has been working on moving the residential lots in Heatherwood Plat Three.

PAST DUE LOANS

Eckerly reported that Midwest Cylinder won't come off the past due list until the property is sold by the Credit Union. Eckerly has sent a letter to Eats & Treats regarding their loan.

BILLBOARD

The Board reviewed the layout and would like the City logo removed and wording condensed to Play, Shop, Live and the picture to be the hospitable place to be. Eckerly will get the revisions to Steve Anderson at Franklin Signs.

INCUBATOR

New Structure In Township – Don Pietsch met with Deed regarding building an incubator. The Township has turned over their research to their attorney to research using their Revolving Loan money for an incubator. HUD standard wages have to be 80% of Stearns County moderate to low income and become 51% for payroll. Creating a high-tech campus is the Township's desire. The Township Hall would also move into the structure along with ArcaSearch.

The Board briefly discussed remodeling the former Dennis Wilson building. Board members felt that the building will sell as is and is not a good option for putting a lot of money into.

MN INVESTMENT FUND – LOUIS INDUSTRIES

Eckerly reported that Louis Industries has satisfied the loan criteria and DEED has come and conducted the audit; therefore, the \$20,000.00 of the MIF money from the State of MN can be forgiven.

Motion was made by Nelson to accept DEED's audit and take action to forgive the 20,000.00 in MIF Funds to Louis Industries and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Stang and unanimously carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.