

# **KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Commissioners Mayhew, Dummer, Paulson, Barsness, and Braegelmann

**Absent:** None

**Others in Attendance:** KMU Commissioner Engel, City Administrator Heineman

The EDA meeting was hosted by Foldcraft and held at a conference room at Foldcraft's corporate offices. A Motion to call the October 26<sup>th</sup> EDA meeting to order at 8:15 am was made by Commissioner Paulson, seconded by Commissioner Mayhew. Motion was approved (5-0-0).

### **Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items**

A Motion by Commissioner Dummer, seconded by Commissioner Paulson, was made to approve the minutes from July 27<sup>th</sup> and the agenda. Motion was approved 4-0-1 (Commissioner Mayhew abstaining).

### **Reports**

Heineman updated the EDA on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan. Dan Jankowski (Subway) is current on payments. Heineman also addressed the various lease agreements that impact the EDA fund. The ambulance garage lease by North Ambulance Service will end on March 5<sup>th</sup> due to the upcoming change in service, and the EDA discussed the Kenyon Fire Department utilizing the facility for First Responder services. Staff was directed to look into the possibility of initiating a modest lease with the Fire Department to make up for the loss in revenue from North Ambulance Service.

The ready-mix plant (Chris Hanke) paid ahead thru November on his lease payment in August and is current on payments. He has also expressed an interest in purchasing land at the current site from the City of Kenyon to continue his operation. The business has continued to expand in the area and he has already made several improvements to the ready-mix equipment and the site. Commissioner Barsness suggested that it is a good site for the operation if the compost site can be accommodated. After further discussion, a motion was made to have staff and the city attorney look into the feasibility of selling a portion of the site to Mr. Hanke. Motion was approved (Barsness/Mayhew, 5-0-0).

The EDA discussed the old Kenyon High School and the need for additional planning regarding how to utilize the site. Heineman reported that the City of Kenyon still needs to provide a detailed plan for public use of the site to Goodhue County before they can submit a request to the State of Minnesota. He also informed the EDA that there may be additional funding available through the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) for comprehensive planning that incorporates active living principals and includes recreational facilities and/or trail development. After further discussion, a motion was made to direct staff to investigate and apply for further SHIP funding for a comprehensive plan update for the old Kenyon High School site and other local and regional amenities (Mayhew/Dummer, 5-0-0).

The EDA also addressed how the City of Kenyon can distinguish itself from other surrounding communities and position itself for future development and growth. The importance of first impressions and the need for ongoing improvements in the downtown commercial area were also discussed. Commissioner Mayhew provided an example of how Foldcraft is redefining its strategic position in the current market and their transition from a table and chair company to a full-service design, manufacturing, and installation business.

There being no further business, a Motion was made to adjourn the EDA meeting at 10:05 a.m. (Mayhew/Paulson; 5-0-0).

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Chris Heineman, City Administrator

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Brian Paulson, EDA President