

The Scandia Economic Development Authority met in the Board Room at the Scandia Community Center on Monday, August 11, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Present: Tom Triplett, Dan Lee, Sally Swanson, and Bruce Swenson. Commissioners Absent: Greg Isaacson. Staff Present: Judi Negus.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Swanson.

Motion by Triplett, seconded by Lee, to approve the July 14, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swenson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Forum: There were no comments.

Commissioners reviewed possible programs to assist development in the City. Lee suggested tax abatement was no longer considered. Swanson mentioned some store fronts north of highway 97 could be updated. Triplett stated the EDA should hold off on recommending possible programs until after the business meetings and ask businesses what they would like the EDA to consider. Swanson suggested it would be a good opportunity to explain the different programs to the businesses at the meeting.

Commissioners agreed a medical center could bring in needed services based on City demographics. Triplett suggested the need for a market study. Lee questioned the cost of a market study. Swenson informed of the need to change zoning if the medical center were to be located adjacent (east) of the Fire Department. Swanson stated the need to get on the next City Council agenda to recommend appearing before the Planning Commission to propose rezoning.

Motion by Triplett, seconded by Swenson, to postpone the election of officers until all Commissioners are present at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the draft business meeting agenda and agreed the meeting should be held in the late fall, preferably the beginning of November. Commissioners suggested goals for next year to include zoning issues and bringing a medical center and housing units to Scandia, as well as continuing to expand broadband services. Accomplishments included broadband improvements and upgrades, as well as exploring other City EDAs.

Commissioner Reports: Swenson reported Todd's Home Center was in contact with Holiday and Kwik Trip. Both were not interested in Todd's Home Center because of the limited population. Triplett provided a written report regarding options for pursuing a full service medical clinic.

Executive Director Report: Handt provided a written report including Met Council housing information and a listing of Washington County programs and services she received at the July 17, 2014 HRA meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swenson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Negus, Office Assistant