

The Scandia Economic Development Authority met in the Board Room at the Scandia Community Center on Monday, June 8, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm. Commissioners Present: Sally Swanson, Greg Isaacson, Dan Lee, Bruce Swenson and Bob Hegland. Staff Present: Kristina Handt.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swenson to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

No one was present for the public forum.

The commissioners discussed Scandia's sign ordinance and Architectural Guidelines related to signage. Handt provided suggested changes related to community events signs as previously discussed. EDA discussed deleting the prohibition on banners and pennants in the guidelines, portable signs (even those not attached to a building or the ground) should be allowed up to 32 square feet, temporary signs should not require a permit and be allowed for 135 sign days in a year, lighting standards should remain as in the ordinance but the guidelines should be amended to delete all prohibitions except for flashing, blinking lights and raceway lights (both on storefronts and in general), or raceway lights could have time limits imposed to prevent quick flashing of messages. Swanson provided an example of the Osceola sign ordinance that could be referenced to list prohibited signs. Motion by Lee, seconded by Hegland to recommend the Planning Commission consider the above mentioned changes to the sign ordinance and architectural guidelines. Motion carried.

Commission discussed a proposed 2016 budget. Since the EDA will have a fund balance over \$5,000, no additional levy is requested for 2016. Motion by Lee, seconded by Isaacson to request to no levy in 2016. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports: None

Executive Director Report: Handt reported on the Am-Tech CUP application that was recommended by the Planning Commission last week. She will be attending the Chamber breakfast tomorrow. The County Board will be reviewing Economic Development policies (TIF and Tax Abatement) soon.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:30pm. Agenda to include Ivan Loesch, permitted uses in the Industrial Zone and other items Swanson will follow up on.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swenson to adjourn at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Handt, Secretary