

The Scandia Economic Development Authority met in the Board Room at the Scandia Community Center on Monday, June 9, 2014 beginning at 6:33pm. Commissioners Present: Tom Triplett, Greg Isaacson and Dan Lee. Late: Sally Swanson. Absent: Bruce Swenson. Staff Present: Kristina Handt.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Triplett.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Isaacson to approve the May 12, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Sue Rodjso wasn't able to make the meeting but had sent an email to Triplett with details of her proposed co-working space. The surveying company has moved to the northern half of the building where Designs of Sweden was so the new business will be in the south half of Rodjso's building. Folks will be able to rent a desk with high speed internet connection by the day or week. They are targeting home based businesses and hope to be open by Sept/Oct of this year. The space will include 4-5 desks and a large conference table.

Triplett mentioned he contacted Craig Waldron, Oakdale City Administrator, for examples of similar sized cities with EDAs that work on economic development and affordable housing. Triplett shared info from the Pine City EDA's website. Waldron will be invited to a future meeting and staff will attempt to get someone from Pine City or Dayton's EDA to come meet with us. Swanson arrived and shared info about the Chisago City EDA's efforts towards affordable housing.

Handt went over the zoning issues she provided in the staff report. Swanson also had tried to research zoning codes in other communities such as Columbus. Triplett was going to check with the Washington County HRA on zoning info they had related to affordable housing. Handt will look at other communities' zoning in industrial parks. The EDA would like to invite businesses to a meeting to hear firsthand from them what their concerns are.

Triplett made a motion to approve Res No 06-09-14-01, seconded by Swanson. The EDA discussed the budget request and the motion passed to ask for \$10,000 in tax levy.

Handt provided a broadband update since the last meeting. Swanson will try to attend the roundtable discussion at the Humphrey next week.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioners still collecting BREs. Swanson mentioned the Farmers Market starts on Wed.

Executive Director Report: Council is likely to amend an ordinance to allow the number of on-sale liquor licenses consistent with state statute. This will open up two more licenses in the City.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30pm. Agenda will focus on outline of meeting with businesses to find out what the City can do for them.

Motion by Triplett, seconded by Lee to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Handt, Secretary