

Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 5th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Elaine Edwards, Michael Brown, and Phil Dybing

Absent: Tom Smith and David Gray

Visitors: None

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Brown motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Persons appearing before the EDA; Welcome Guests:** No guests were present.

Regular Business:

A. Updates:

- 1. **School:** No updates were available. Discussion regarding offering a youth seat again this year was had.
- 2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current fund balance is \$10,713.71. The change in fund balance is due to the 2018 Budget allowances being transferred to the EDA fund.
- 3. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Administrator Peterson provided a brief overview of items of interest from the Council meeting, as well as the progress on updating the Zoning Ordinances.
- 4. **Chamber of Commerce:** Cheryl Krage is no longer with the Chamber; Marv Eggert is serving as the interim director.
- 5. **Downtown Business Alliance:** The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, September 6th.
- 6. **Fillmore County EDA:** Member Brown reported items discussed include the Rushford rural area broadband initiative kickoff, progress on the maps is underway once again, and as well the housing study request is moving forward. A recent partnership between MiEnergy and Harmony Telephone was discussed. They will be working together to provide services to properties within MiEnergy service area. There is a request for a solar farm to be installed southwest of Harmony.

B. Old Business:

- 1. **Feasibility Study: Housing:** Elaine will be meeting next Tuesday to see the information gathered thus far and to share that information with the Extension office so that they may complete the housing study.
- 2. **SMIF: Rural Entrepreneurial Venture:** Elaine Edwards provided that a meeting of the core team was held in Spring Valley this morning. Much of the process has been on hold during the busy summer season, however progress will continue this fall and winter.

C. New Business:

- 1. **EDA Board Members:** Administrator Peterson voiced concern for the total number of members, as well as attendance. Discussion will be continued to allow Peterson do complete research and then advise a suggestion to the board for the future of the EDA.

D. Items from Members:

- 1. Entrepreneurs:** Member Edwards noted the entrepreneurial event being held September 19th.
- 2. Broadband presentation:** Member Brown noted a desire to hold a seminar on the broadband opportunities available. Administrator Peterson will reach out to MiEnergy and Acentek and see if they would be interested in participating.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Dybing moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk