

Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, Tom Smith, and Rebecca Charles

Absent: None

Visitors: Andrzej Zalasinski, Michele Peterson, Darla Taylor, and Sarah Peterson

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 11:00 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Smith seconded the motion. Members Edwards, Dybing, and Smith voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Smith motioned to approve the minutes from May 7th, 2020 as submitted. Member Edwards seconded the motion. Members Edwards, Dybing, and Smith voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Persons Appearing before the EDA:** None

Regular Business:

A. Updates:

- 1. **Treasurer's Report:** The operating fund has a balance of \$9,570.13 remaining the same, the Loan fund balance is \$19,989.41. Treasurers report was approved my consensus.
- 2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Member Smith shared that the dam project is on schedule. The city council also approved the basketball, volleyball, tennis, camping and Locker room areas to be opened. Future public meetings will be held in the gym with participants required to wear a mask in addition to the zoom option. A sidewalk ordinance was revised to allow for outdoor seating on the sidewalk, and also gambling to be allowed outside. Refunds for 3 months of liquor license fees and the annual lodging license fee were also approved.
- 3. **Chamber of Commerce:** The Visitor's Center remains closed. Maps and Brochures are available outside. The stay safe in Lanesboro, MN project was shared.
- 4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** Unwined opened this week. Outdoor dining has started for other businesses.
- 5. **EDA Director:** Rebecca Charles shared her monthly report highlighting that she is sharing information about the PPP program with businesses, and also that the Wayfinding signage application is taking longer to process at the county due to Covid-19. Additionally, the Bus Tour is going to have an online event and still exploring options for an in person tour.

B. Old Business:

1. **Housing Institute:** No Activity.
2. **Business Enrichment Series Update:** This is scheduled for June 15,17,19 from 9-10am each day. CEU's will be provided by Winona State. The link to register has been shared on the city's website and through invites.
3. **REV:** The quarterly meeting was held May 12. A sustainability plan was discussed and how to keep the momentum going. A subcommittee of the EDA was suggested.

C. New Business:

1. **Coronavirus Impacts:** The local survey had a 28% response rate. The main impacts noted are employee availability and safety, loss of income, and more informed communication. 77% felt that good information was being provided.
- D. Items from Members:** Member Dybing shared that the Son's of Norway will be advertising for bids on the painting project. Also they got a \$15,000 grant to upgrade the HVAC system in the building. Member Edwards shared that the St. Mane is also applying for grants to renovate. Lastly, Member Dybing state that History Alive also received a \$10,000 grant and will be continuing to grow.

Adjourn: Member Dybing moved to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Member Smith. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darla Taylor
Deputy Clerk