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**Lanesboro Economic Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.**  
**Via Zoom and In Person Council Chambers**

**Present:** Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, Joe Goetzke, and Cathy Enerson

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Andrej Zalinski, Sarah Peterson, Michael Seilor, Sarah Pieper, Kristen Asleson, Michele Peterson and Darla Taylor

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 10:30 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda with Old Business Website Grant to the agenda. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Goetzke motioned to approve the minutes from July 1, 2021 as presented. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

**Regular Business:**

**A. Updates:**

- 1. **Treasurer's Report:** The EDA operating fund has a balance of \$16,498.10. The Loan fund is currently at \$29,251.53 with all loans current.
- 2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** It was noted that the annexation of 143 acres is finalized increasing the City by about 17% to make way for a future development. Several street closures have been approved. The WWTF project is moving along, currently about 23% complete. The council will be taking a closer look at the lodging licenses and zoning that corresponds with the licensing.
- 3. **Chamber of Commerce:** Visitor Center is affiliate of Explore Minnesota and is tracking visits. The numbers are more efficient in counting visitors and show 1280 in June and over 1800 in July. Visitors Guides and maps have needed to be reordered as over 18,000 guides and 10,000 maps have been distributed. Lodging numbers have been at record levels. The Visitor Center hours are being adjusted and they are still looking to hire. Sarah Pieper also shared that many businesses in Lanesboro are struggling to find staff and suggested that the EDA may offer support.
- 4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** The group did a run down of events that have taken place thus far and discussed upcoming events including Buffalo Bill Days, Taste of the Trail, and a Grand Opening for Kristen Asleson's new endeavor. The recent social media event was also discussed. Special Events including Stone Mill Suites 20 years, Merchants Bank Customer Appreciation and new owner's at Anna V's.
- 5. **School Board:** Sarah Peterson noted that construction of the playground and paving of the parking areas is in progress. An all school reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 7 and an open house for

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August 11 from 6-8:30. The covid concern about masking is being discussed and a back to school newsletter will be sent out shortly. No update on solar project but Sarah will check into it.

**6. Lanesboro Arts:** No Update

- 7. Stay Safe Intern:** Megan Weilandt submitted a report. Concerns were raised about the signs and the suggestions offered not being implemented. A request for reimbursement should be submitted to Darla with documentation for the expenses. Megan Weilandt has accepted a new job and her last day will be Aug 17, 2021 . There a few items for her to finish up and Cathy and Elaine will see that items are completed.

**B. Director's Report:** Director [Cathy Enerson](#) submitted a director's report as part of the meeting packet.

**C. New Business:**

- 1. Rescind Ferrie Loan:** A motion was made by Member Dybing to rescind the loan for William Ferrie. The motion was seconded by Member Goetzke. Motion carried all in favor.
- 2. DEED Main Street Program:** Director Enerson shared that we must continue to watch and think of projects to meet the guidelines.
- 3. SMIF Stay Safe Grant:** Gathering final information and data for final reports.

**D. Items from Member:**

- 1. LEAN:** Appreciation for Karen Heimdahl sharing her experience. Compliments to the City Attorney for the successful closing on the EDA Loan.
- 2. Phil Dybing-Housing Group (MHP):**They are in the home stretch. An onsite visit was done and very productive. An October presentation to developers in Rochester is planned. It was noted that second opinions may be needed for the quotes that have been received for the overall proposed project.
- 3. Phil Dybing-Wayfinding Sign:** Kara is working on verbage to get to Kelly Printing.

**E. Old Business:**

- 1. Website Grant:** Andrezj addressed the board about the Live, Work and Play tab for the city website. He noted that the goal of the 150th page was similar and just needs some updating. He strongly encourages collaboration with Chamber, EDA and City. Joe Goetzke noted the importance of integration of resources.

**Adjourn:** Member Goetzke moved to adjourn at 11:51 a.m. Motion seconded by Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor  
Deputy Clerk