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**Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting**

Friday February 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Via Zoom and In Person Council Chambers

*****Member Pursell participated remotely from: 58 Wellston Dr, Palm Coast, FL 32164**

Present: Phil Dybing, Tom Pursell via zoom, Cathy Enerson and Joe Goetzke

Absent: None

Visitors: Zach Lind, Jonathan Lavine and Bonita Underbakke.

1. **Call To Order:** Member Dybing called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. **Agenda:** Member Pursell motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Zach Lind to Revolving Loans, and Labor Slides to New Business. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Welcome Guests:** No comments were shared.
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Member Goetzke motioned to approve the Consent Agenda . Member Pursell seconded the motion.. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - a. January 5, 2023 EDA Minutes
 - b. January 2023 Financial Reports
5. **City Business:**
 - a. **Council Reps/City Administrator/Planning and Zoning:** Administrator Peterson noted topics of discussion at the next meeting include the Filthy 50, work from home policy, sidewalk on Beacon St, ordinance review for EDA, and the capital improvement plan. Planning and Zoning will continue their discussion on rezoning.
 - b. **Increasing the size of the EDA:** An applicant will be needed as Alison Leathers has turned down the opportunity to apply. One application has been sent out recently.
 - c. **Chamber:** It was noted that the annual meeting was recently held and the new board members are: Marti Gray, Jeremy Van Meter, and Cheryl Johnson. Lance Prado was officially seated and Alison Leathers and Joe Goetzke will remain as board members. The guide is in the final stages and will be sent to production shortly. A new website is also currently in the works.
 - d. **School Board:** Sarah Peterson was not able to attend, however noted that the solar panels have begun installation.
6. **Revolving Loan:**
 - a. **New Loan-Palmer Update:** The Palmers are making progress with new banking opportunities, and an unofficial HPC approval.
 - b. **Collections-Beautiful Something:** No paperwork has been signed as of now.

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- c. **Zach Lind:** Zach introduced himself as the owner of the Driftless Trading Post in Peterson. He noted they are looking to expand their business into the Lanesboro area, noting 80% of current business in Peterson comes from Lanesboro. Zach shared that he is working with Sylvan Brewery to bring food to the establishment by a food trailer in the existing adjacent garage space. The trailer has been purchased and the goal is for them to be operational by May 1st. He is working on an equipment and inventory list for needs prior to opening and seeing cash flow. Cathay offered to send Zach a revolving loan application and several other resources.

7. Old Business:

- a. **EDA Brochures:** Finalized and will be delivered today.
- b. **Community Cooperative Investment Group Next Steps:** Member Goetzke shared information at the LEAN meeting and names for a steering committee were established.
- c. **Updates G3 and Lamon:** A meeting will be held on March 15th for developers to hear about recent housing development opportunities.
- d. **U of MN Tourism Study:** 2 surveys are being developed. 1 will focus on businesses and the other on the community members.
- e. **Re-Capitalizing the EDA Loan Fund:** A motion was made by Member Dybing to send a resolution to the city council to secure more EDA loan funds through the USDA. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

8. New Business:

- a. **Blandin Update, core leadership, SOAR event, potential expenses to reveiw:** Member Goetzke expresses concern for if and how all the grant funds could be used. Cathy shared the budget for the grant showing how they planned for the use of the funds. THE SOAR event is scheduled for April 4th possibly in the evening.
- b. **LEAN Recap:** It was noted that Michael Seiler will be the new chairperson with help from Lori Bakke if/when needed. Cathy's notes were included in the packet information.
- c. **Labor Slides:** The statistics on population were shared.

Adjournment: Member Pursell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor