

Medford Economic Development Authority  
Wednesday May 11, 2016  
5:00 PM

Members Present: Linda Dusek, Jerrie Wencil, Tom Heisler, Clayton Just, Bryan Duncan,

Non Members Present: Andy Welti, Laura Elvebak

Meeting was called to order by Duncan at 5:01

Dusek made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Wencil. Motion passed.

Motion was made to approve the January Minutes by Heisler Seconded by Just. Motion passed.

Approval of the EDA Financial report by Dusek seconded by Just. Motion passed.

Steele County EDA Resolution

Four reasons as to why to form the county EDA.

-Focus on work force development

-Housing

- Business retention

-Business recruitment

Quarterly meetings will be held. County will be a facilitator towards each of the communities. Example of a county EDA providing assistance is the upcoming housing study. Once a town or township elects for the resolution and if the county EDA goes forth then one representative from each community will be involved in the quarterly meetings.

They will have a \$10,000 in the funding to start with.

Motion was made to recommend to Council to support the resolution to participate in the Steele County EDA by Just. Seconded by Heisler. Motion carried

### Steele County Housing Study

Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Owatonna, and Medford will be coming together for the housing study. With the communities coming together this will reduce the cost factor. Some items we will learn is how our county is growing and changing, what housing needs will need to be addressed in the next 5, 10, 15 years, what resources are available, the types of housing, is there land supply. This study will also assist in the builders. We will receive a region report and not the whole county report.

Our cost portion is \$3,000 originally we planned for \$5,000. This funding would come out of EDA. Heisler recommended to Council to go forth with the housing study for \$3,000. Wencil seconded. Motion carried.

### Medford Beautification Project

Last year we stated we would give up to \$1,000 if donations didn't come through. We did not have to fund anything last year as enough donations came in. Heisler made a motion that EDA will not fund the beautification project this year. Just seconded. Motion carried.

A recommendation to the beautification committee would be to ask businesses to sponsor a pot. The sponsorship could include monetary donation for plants, or purchase the plants themselves. Also be responsible for possible watering of plants when needed.

### Economic Development and Business Updates

There was a builder that expressed some interest in building homes. Andy and the Mayor met with them. TIF was brought up. This was just a discussion meeting.

Municipal Complex meeting was held last night. We will be hearing more about this in the future.

Next meeting date is July 13<sup>th</sup>. Next EDA Networking event is Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at TES.

Dusek made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Just. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:51.