

**City of Isanti  
Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes of  
February 3, 2015  
Isanti City Hall**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Wimmer at 7:30p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Roll Call**

Members Present: Tara Hallberg, Keith Dragisich, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, Adam Johnson, Paul Bergley and George Wimmer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

**c. Agenda Modifications**

No modifications to the agenda were presented. Motion to Approve Agenda as presented by Lundeen, second by Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve Agenda as presented by Lundeen, second by Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2015 Regular Economic Development Meeting**

Motion to Approve Agenda as presented by Lundeen, second by Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

**4. 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Survey**

Economic Development Director highlighted the staff memo and indicated that a Hotel and a Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade were added to this document. He indicated that this was a good place to identify priority projects for the community and it gave him good direction. Sullivan acknowledged that Department Heads/Staff helped work on the narratives and that he was pleased with the final product.

Motion to recommend approval of the CEDS Survey as presented to the City Council by Johnson, second by Collison, motion carried unanimously.

## **5. State and County Road Conditions Correspondence**

President Wimmer updated the EDA about the correspondence received from the MN DOT District 3 regarding road conditions and responsibilities of clearing the crosswalk at the intersection of Hwy 65 and CSAH 5. He indicated that it certainly was not the City of Isanti responsibility to clear the crosswalk and had concerns regarding traffic control necessary to clear the crosswalks.

Discussion ensued. Consensus by the EDA was that further correspondence was needed with MNDOT to understand how the crosswalks could be cleared and to figure out what jurisdiction actually has the responsibility to clear the crosswalks over State TH 65.

Motion to direct President Wimmer to write a letter to MNDOT District 3 to further identify how and by what jurisdiction the crosswalks at the intersection of State TH 65 and CSAH 5 could be cleared of snow and to continue writing letters until a satisfactory answer has been given by Lundeen, second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Other Business / Updates**

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the Staff Memo. Has asked for suggestions on how we could get the word out to residents about the Manufacturing Certificate Program. Direction from the EDA was to utilize the Isantian and City Website to target individuals and to forward out to businesses on business list. Sullivan also indicated that President Wimmer, BMI and himself would be meeting with Congressman Nolan on Friday to discuss next steps for the Rail Industrial Park.

- a. Business Prospects
- b. East Central MN Housing Study – Executive Summary
- c. Acquisition of Land on Hwy 65 / Hillock St
- d. East Central Minnesota Housing Study
- e. Isanti Indoor Arena – Home of Rum River BMX
- f. Makerspace Concept
- g. GPS 45:93
- h. Greater MSP
- i. EDAM
- j. Housing Starts in 2014
- k. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2014

## **9. Adjournment**

Johnson motioned, seconded by Lundeen to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 4th day of February, 2015.

Respectively Submitted,

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Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director