

**City of Isanti  
Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes of  
March 27, 2012  
Isanti City Hall**

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Dragisich at 7:00 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Roll Call**

Members Present: Tara Hallberg, Jim Kennedy, Keith Dragisich and George Wimmer

Members Absent: Larry Kuechle (EXCUSED)

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

**c. Agenda Modifications**

Economic Development Director asked that to add the following item to the Agenda to follow Item 5: Consider Appointment of Economic Development Director Sullivan to At Large Seat on Executive Committee and as Officer of Vice President for GPS 45:93.

Motion to approve the agenda modified by Economic Development Director Sullivan by Member Hallberg, second by Member Dragisich. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approve Minutes of February 2012 Regular Economic Development Authority Meeting**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Dragisich to approve the minutes for January 24, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. 2012 Isanti Community Expo Summary**

Economic Development Director Sullivan Presented the Staff Memo. The 2012 Community Expo was well attended and the Isanti Chamber of Commerce was pleased with the turn-out. Approximately 500-600 people (including exhibitors) were at the event and it raised approximately \$1000 for the Chamber. Economic Development Director Sullivan and City Councilmember Larson worked the City of Isanti booth.

No Action was taken as this was an informational item.

**4. 2011 Minnesota Business Assistance Form (MBAF) Reports**

Economic Development Director Sullivan presented the Staff Memo. Sullivan indicated that the reports had been completed and submitted to the State of Minnesota prior to the April 1, 2012 deadline. Sullivan stated he was pleased with the new jobs being created by the 3 new projects (HM Chris, Prairie Senior

Cottages of Isanti and Stawski and Stawski). Prairie Senior Cottages of Isanti created 6 full time and 14 Part-time jobs upon opening.

No Action was taken as this was an informational item.

5a. **Historic Downtown Directional Sign Update**

Economic Development Director Sullivan presented the Staff Memo. Sullivan indicated that he had received all of the pledged donations from the private sector in the amount of \$845.00. The early spring has made it possible for the project to begin ahead of schedule with completion in April.

No Action was taken as this was an informational item.

5b. **Consider Appointment of Economic Development Director Sullivan to At-Large Seat on Executive Committee and as Officer of Vice President for GPS 45:93**

Economic Development Director Highlighted the Staff Memo.

Member Kennedy motion, seconded by Member Dragisich to recommend to the City Council that Economic Development Director Sullivan be appointed to At-Large Seat on Executive Committee and as Officer of Vice President for GPS 45:93. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Other Business / Updates / Communications**

- a. Business Retention Visits
- b. Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon – June 2012
- c. C.L. Hough, LLC
- d. Dickeys Barbeque
- e. Business Prospects
- f. Wakeboard Park Receives Approvals
- g. Special TIF Legislation Update
- h. GPS 45:93 Agenda and Minutes
- i. Minnesota State Soccer Cup Returns to Isanti
- j. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2012

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the Staff Memo.

**7. Adjournment**

Member Kennedy motioned, seconded by Member Dragisich to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 28th day of March 2012.

Respectively Submitted,

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Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director