



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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March 20, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the Freeport Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:00 pm by President T. Hennen and members, Scott Hoeschen, Dan Roering and Andy Welle in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Welle arrived at 12:10

Members not in attendance: Tom Middendorf, Jim Hemker, and Rodney Atkinson

Approval of the Agenda

A. Hennen stated that she didn't find any of the previous information gathered for Albany Recycling in regards to Opatz Recycling. EDA agreed not to spend money or time on the idea until Opatz comes to the EDA with a proposal.

Roering moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Welle moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Welle Addition

EDA didn't seem surprised that the cost was going to be difficult to overcome in developing the last of the Welle Addition. EDA agreed that at least the pressure is on Roesslerer and if we can get something going with Neil Borgerdings property that would put more pressure on him to do something with the development. Welle wondered if any TIF would be available to help Boser Construction.

Creamery Site

EDA was pleased to receive the information regarding the costs associated with tearing down the creamery. The cost seemed to be higher than what they had expected. EDA members wondered that even if the creamery board gave the city the creamery is it something we would even want since it will be so costly. T. Hennen didn't foresee anyone else being able to deal with it. Roering also pointed out that there wouldn't be a lot of tax money recouped for such a large expense either, maybe \$2000 more a year than we are currently making from the creamery. A. Hennen stated too that Tim Daly had previously stated he would need TIF to make this work for him, meaning we would be getting zero tax dollars. EDA seemed discouraged by that information. EDA agreed that even though this would be costly it is still for the betterment of the town.

Adjourn

Welle moved to adjourn, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Hennen, EDA President

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary