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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

## MINUTES

### Regular Session of EDA City of Wells

The Wells Economic Development Authority (EDA) convened in regular session on February 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells City Hall, Conference Room. President Brad Heggen called the meeting to order with the following members and employees present: Commissioner Steve Burns, Commissioner Jim Durfee, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Heckman and Commissioner Bruce Mandler. Commissioner Sue Nasinec and Vice-President Kim Sorenson were absent. Also present was City Administrator Jeremy Germann.

#### **AGENDA:**

The agenda for the February 21, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting was reviewed with Commissioner Durfee making a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Mandler seconded the motion. President Heggen called for a vote with Burns, Durfee, Heckman, and Mandler voting yea. Motion carried.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

The minutes of the January 9, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting was reviewed with Commissioner Mandler making a motion to approve as presented with a second from Commissioner Durfee. President Heggen called for a vote with Burns, Durfee, Heckman and Mandler voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 9, 2012 annual meeting were reviewed and no changes were recommended. The minutes will be approved on January 15, 2013 at the next annual meeting of the EDA.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve bills from Schroeder Electric for \$126.83 dated January 19, 2012; and Faribault County Treasurer for \$1,024.00 for taxes due in 2013. Commissioner Mandler seconded the motion. President Heggen called for a vote with Burns, Durfee, Heckman and Mandler voting yea. Motion carried.

The financial statements were reviewed with Commissioner Durfee making a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Mandler seconded the motion. Discussion held on interest earned from a certificate of deposit. President Heggen called for a vote with Burns, Durfee, Heckman and Mandler voting yea. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter submitted by the Winnebago Economic Development Authority requesting the Wells Economic Development Authority partner with them to promote a one-day course educating entrepreneurs how to start their own business. The course will be held in Winnebago and is free and open to everyone. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve contributing to the advertisement of the event. Commissioner

Heckman seconded the motion. Discussion held. President Heggen called for a vote with Burns, Durfee, Heckman and Mandler voting yea. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter submitted by Anthony and Peggy Mosser, dated January 25, 2012, which requests an easement alongside the western edge of the South Industrial Park for residents living on Fourth Avenue SE. It was the consensus of the board to have interested residents sign a petition before making a decision.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President Heggen brought the topic of Singleteary Food Solutions to the table. Discussion held. With no information to act on, the board moved to the next item on the agenda.

President Heggen brought the topic of Joe's Lawn & Sport to the table. Discussion held. Commissioner Durfee and Commissioner Heckman discussed recent conversations with the proprietor. A payment to Region 9 on the delinquent loan is expected in the near future. With no information to act on, the commission moved to the next item on the agenda.

President Heggen brought the topic of Wildcats Bar & Grill to the table. Discussion held. With no information to act on, the board moved to the next item on the agenda.

President Heggen brought the topic of Incubator Building to the table. Discussion held on recent repairs made on the building. With no information to act on, the board moved to the next item on the agenda.

President Heggen brought the topic of Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) to the table. Discussion held on work beginning in the near future for commercial grantees. With no information to act on, the board moved to the next item on the agenda.

President Heggen brought the topic of Food 'N Fuel to the table. Discussion held on the potential sale of the lot and issues associated with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. With no information to act on, the board moved to the next item on the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Heggen brought the topic of North Industrial Park to the table. Discussion held on potentially subdividing the acreage for lots, the expense of installing infrastructure, and access requirements from Minnesota Department of Transportation. It was the consensus of the board not to subdivide the land for lots at this time.

President Heggen brought the topic of Commercial Building Enhancement Program to the table. Discussion held on an application received on February 17, 2012. Administrator Germann stated he would work with Commissioner Heckman to make sure all the guidelines have been met and contact the applicant.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anthony Mosser discussed his dissatisfaction with the Wells Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) trying to commercialize residential areas and wanted to know why no land was available in the industrial parks for such businesses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next regularly scheduled EDA meeting was set for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells City Hall, Conference Room. Motion made by Commissioner Mandler and seconded by Commissioner Durfee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary/Treasurer Jim Heckman

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Administrator Jeremy R. Germann