

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Jurchen, Barb Merritt, Cindy Rieck, and Cindy Roggenkamp

ALSO PRESENT: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Sheila Haverkamp, BLAEDC; Mayor Nancy Adams

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jurchen at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of 6-18-2013 EDC Minutes

COMMISSIONER RIECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE 6/18/2013 EDC MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MERRITT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. & 4. Discussion on Technology

The EDC discussed the growing need for broadband and fiber in the surrounding area. Sheila Haverkamp noted that she has been in contact with Bobbi-Jo Hartley of TDS regarding the issues of fiber optics and customer support. Sheila noted that she is also working with CTC to work at putting information together to give a better understanding of the terminology relating to the broadband/fiber optic issues. She noted that there is a learning curve regarding what type of service is needed for certain projects or situations. Sheila suggested that the EDC members review their own situation and report back with download and upload speeds and the cost for service.

It was the consensus of the EDC to continue to discuss the issue and learn how and what it can do to support the service in the surrounding areas.

5. Tommy Woog's Resignation

Mark Jurchen noted that Tommy Woog has submitted his resignation from the EDC. The EDC noted that he was a valuable member with much insight and will be missed. The EDC suggested that the Mayor contact Brad Erickson to see if he is interested in serving on the Commission. The Clerk noted that she would advertise in the Echo and on the City's website.

6. Discussion on Urban Rural Taxation Meeting

The Chair noted that the public hearing is scheduled for July 23rd. Mayor Adams suggested that the EDC members be present.

7. BLAEDC Update

Sheila Haverkamp gave a brief update on current BLAEDC happenings.

8. Chamber Update

Chair Mark Jurchen noted that the Chamber had successful July 4th and Bean Hole celebrations in Pequot Lakes.

9. August Agenda Items

- School Superintendent, Chris Lindholm and Chip Rankin – update on construction.
- Workforce development in relation to school programs

10. Other Business

Chair Jurchen stated that he will be visiting businesses in the City and would like the EDC to work toward visiting as many businesses as possible. Sheila noted that BLAEDC also visits businesses through the Business and Retention Program. She requested Mark Jurchen and any other EDC members to complete the business and retention form for businesses that they visit.

Mayor Adams stated that she would like to see all businesses in Pequot Lakes listed on the City's website with a link to the business websites. Sheila Haverkamp noted that there may be a way to accomplish this by linking to another site that already lists the businesses. She suggested researching a site called "Mnprospector.com."

9. Adjournment

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, CHAIR JURCHEN
AJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:04 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk