

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 20, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Jurchen, Barb Merritt, Cindy Rieck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Roggenkamp

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of 7-16-2013 EDC Minutes

COMMISSIONER RIECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE 7/16/2013 EDC MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MERRITT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

3. School Superintendent - Chris Lindholm

Chair Mark Jurchen introduced Chris Lindholm who is the new School Superintendent. Mr. Lindholm gave a brief history of his past. He also spoke about his desire to work toward building a partnership between the School and City.

Sheila Haverkamp introduced herself updated Mr. Lindholm on BLAEDC's mission and goals.

Mark Jurchen stated that the EDC wants to see the school district grow and explained that it does this by moving people into the community by encouraging business growth and creating jobs. Mark Jurchen stated that many companies cannot find qualified workers.

Mayor Adams noted that the partnership between the City and School District is weak and it is something she would like to see improved. Chris Lindholm concurred and stated that he would like to work toward building the relationship between the City and School District.

Sheila Haverkamp explained that there is a need in the area to grow the technology sector and a need for a work force that has the necessary skills to accomplish this.