

BEMIDJI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the Bemidji Economic Development Authority (BEDA) of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:27 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, President Pro-tem Downs presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were declared present: Waldhausen, Hellquist, Negard, Downs, Meuers, Johnson. Absent: Lehmann.

Motion by Commissioner Hellquist, seconded by Commissioner Meuers, to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, Subd. 3 for the purpose of reviewing confidential or non-public appraisal data relating to the acquisition of real property, as well as to develop or consider offers or counter-offers for the purpose of said property. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 7:29 p.m.

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, Community Development Director Rita Albrecht, City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Motion by Commissioner Hellquist, second by Commissioner Negard, to reopen the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting reopened at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Negard, to accept the offer from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the amount of \$2.3 million for the purchase of land from the City to be used for the trail and AMA with the following conditions:

- 1. Permission to construct the trail base, functioning as a storm water management structure. The City wants to be assured of its ability to construct what is currently planned. This is also a benefit to the DNR, as the City will be paying for a significant portion of the trail construction.**
- 2. All provisions of the current draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for access over the trail must be agreed to and incorporated into the Joint Powers Agreements. The City wants to assure access to the lake.**
- 3. The DNR must agree to prioritize and actively pursue funding for the development of the boat launch facility and construction of the Paul Bunyan Trail through the south shore. The City does not want to wait until 2012 or 2013 for the DNR to construct the trail. The DNR currently has no funding requests in for the trail, the boat launch facility, or completion of the Clausen Avenue portion of the trail. The City would like assurances that the DNR will make every effort to secure funding for these projects as soon as possible.**

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meuers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
Secretary