

# ***BEMIDJI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES***

**January 17, 2006**

Pursuant to due call and notice, the annual meeting of the Bemidji Economic Development Authority was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 8:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, immediately following the regular City Council meeting.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were declared present: Erickson, Downs, Markeson, Meuers, Lehmann, Hellquist, Johnson. Absent: None.

## **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2006**

President Lehmann presented the following slate of officers for the year 2006:

Richard Lehmann, President  
Jerry Downs, Vice President  
Nancy Erickson, Treasurer  
David Minke, Executive Director  
Ron Eischens, Assistant Treasurer  
Kay Murphy-Schuett, Secretary

Motion by Meuers, second by Johnson, to accept the slate of officers as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SALE OF NORTHVIEW MANOR**

City Attorney Felix commented that the BEDA simply is soliciting bids for the sale of Northview Manor, not the actual sale of Northview Manor. As the BEDA, it can put limitations on how it wishes the property to be used if it is sold. However, there is the statutory requirement for a review by BEDA if the property is put up for sale within a year after its purchase.

Discussion continued on the BEDA's ability to impose terms of sale and other provisions to protect the public interest, including conditioning the sale on the requirement that the property be used consistent with its present use as a rental housing facility for occupancy.

Motion by Markeson, second by Meuers, to require the additional condition for a three (3) year period after the sale, the purchaser must use the Project as a 60-unit rental housing facility for occupancy by moderate income elderly persons and families, consistent with the BEDA's present use of the Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Felix noted that the BEDA may negotiate with an individual. Felix is recommending that there will be no public bid opening. Everything leading up to that time not being an open discussion which chills the ability to meaningfully negotiate.

Motion by Hellquist, second by Erickson, authorizing the solicitation of bids for sale of the Northview Manor. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hellquist, Lehmann, Meuers, Johnson, Downs, Erickson. Nays: Markeson. Absent: None.

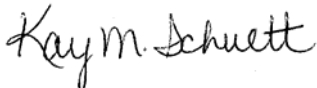
Erickson noted that in the BEDA By-laws on page two it states that the BEDA meeting is held on the first and third Monday at 7:30 p.m. and recommended it be changed.

Motion by Erickson, second by Hellquist, to amend the BEDA by-laws meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, second by Hellquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Murphy-Schuett  
BEDA Secretary