

MEETING MINUTES
DELTA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Members present: Tom Rymkos, Dave Rivard, Gary Olsen, Tom Brayak, Charles Detiege
Members absent: Scott Wieting (excused), Mark Nelson (excused)
Director: Peter Van Steen
Public: John D'Addona

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Tom Rymkos.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. New member Charles "Charlie" Detiege was introduced. Charlie is the new supervisor of Ford River Township replacing Larry Grimsby. Peter will check to see when terms of the members are expiring and report to members.
4. MOTION BY TOM BRAYAK, SECONDED BY GARY OLSEN TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRINTED; MOTION CARRIED.
5. MOTION BY GARY OLSEN, SECONDED BY DAVE RIVARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING; MOTION CARRIED.
6. No public comments.
7. REPORTS:
 - A. Peter Van Steen reported Delta County Road Commission has advertised for sale the garage on P Road. The SBA loan for the purchase of the Perkins store was finally finalized.
 - B. John D'Addona reported all current projects are completed. Dave Rivard mentioned activities at the old Escanaba River Bridge in Wells. There is a 3-phase project with the first aimed at safety to get the bridge abutments removed and phases 2&3 with a new bridge installed as a trail. There seems to be commitments from agencies. Meetings were held with Casperson, McBroom, MDEQ, MDOT, and Commissioners. There may be money for the abutment removal with the monies going to the county.
 - C. BILLING APPROVALS:
 - MOTION BY TOM BRAYAK, SECONDED BY GARY OLSEN TO APPROVE THE INVOICE SUBMITTED BY CUPPAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700 FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOR JUNE AND JULY, 2011; MOTION CARRIED.
 - D. The 11th Quarter Report was submitted and approved by EPA.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. All current projects have been completed.
- B. Peter will set a time for the debriefing from EPA as to why we were not selected for funding; all members will be notified.
- C. The extension of time for the current grant was approved by EPA. The grant will expire April 30, 2012.
- D. A U.P. wide brownfield seminar will be held September 21 at Bay College. All members are encouraged to attend. Sabine Martin from Kansas State University is working on the agenda/speakers and other arrangements. Peter will discuss resources available from regional planning commissions.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for assistance has been received from four companies/individuals:
 - Baldwin Township is looking to purchase a former gas station/store in Perkins to demolish for eventual use as park or for sale to business as a building site.
 - An individual is interested in purchasing the former CJ Brown Auto Repair site in Escanaba Twp on US2.
 - Basic Marine has plans to expand its facility in Escanaba.
 - Jeff's Glass is buying its present business location in Bayview area.

Discussion took place on all of the requests. Since Jeff's Glass has operated for some time this program would not be able to offer him immunity from any environmental liability. The board was interested in the future plans of the property in Perkins. The board was interested in the time frame for the purchase of the CJ Brown property and intentions of the individual for use of the property. Basic Marine would need assessments and development of a brownfield plan; meetings with MEDC and MDEQ are planned in the near future. The board will wait on the outcome of the Basic Marine meetings before committing any remaining grant funds to the projects.

- B. A request was made from Jim O'Toole, Escanaba city manager and Jay Kulbertis, Gladstone school superintendent for a waiver of tax capture of a proposed .5 mill for a new county-wide library millage. **MOTION BY CHARLIE DETIEGE, SECONDED BY TOM BRAYAK NOT TO WAIVE THE TAX CAPTURE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE FOR LIBRARY SERVICES; MOTION CARRIED WITH GARY OLSEN ABSTAINING.**

10. No public comments.

11. **MOTION BY CHARLIE DETIEGE, SECONDED BY GARY OLSEN TO ADJOURN AT 8:36 PM; MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes prepared by Peter Van Steen