



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL EDA MEETING

EDA Members Present: Russ Smith, Shelly Peterson, Steve Micke, Dave Bjerkness, Mike Schultz, Ross Peterson

EDA/Ex-Officio Members Absent: Adam Bailey, Connie Christenson (Carlton County EDA)

Staff Present: Brian Fritsinger, Holly Hansen, Al Cottingham (City); Kelly Zink (Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce)

President Ross Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Russ Smith read the Oath of Office, raising his right hand. Ms. Hansen stated that Adam Bailey had been appointed by the City Council last night to serve on the Cloquet EDA and that he would take the Oath of Office next month, being that he was absent today.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hansen took EDA roll call.

CLOQUET EDA SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

Ms. Hansen stated that both Ross Peterson and David Bjerkness were interested in serving on in their rolls as President and Vice President of the EDA, unless there were other floor nominations. Ms. Hansen reported that per the Cloquet EDA Bylaws that her staff position requires she be the Secretary, Nancy Klassen the City Finance Director be the Treasurer, and Brian Fritsinger the City Administrator be the Assistant Treasurer.

Motion: Commissioner Shelly Peterson moved, and Commissioner Russ Smith seconded, that the EDA approve the slate of officers for 2017. (Motion passed 6-0).

EDA COMMISSIONERS / EX-OFFICIO ROLES

Ms. Hansen drew attention to a prepared handout delineating roles of EDA Commissioners and Ex-Officio Cloquet EDA members.



2017 EDA GOALS

Ms. Hansen reviewed in detail the updates to the EDA goals for 2017 from the EDA's input in November. She asked for deletions or additions to them? There were none.

DISCUSSION ON CLOQUET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Hansen provided a brief overview of the Partnership noting that the group has floundered with the departure of Jeannie Kermean from FDLTCC. Last night the City Council appointed David Bjerkness to serve on the group and Russ Smith has agreed to serve on the group from the EDA. Ms. Hansen stated perhaps the best thing to do is regroup directly with the Partnership group to revisit the value of the group. She has outreached to each individual member with 50-50 interest from members. If there is time after the regular EDA meeting is done, the EDA can continue discussion on this item.

CTC staff arrived for their presentation at the Regular meeting.

ADJOURNED 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly L. Hansen, Community Development Director