

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
DECEMBER 16, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Duban called the meeting to order at 7:00 am in the City Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Dietz, Pierskalla and Daleiden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Joel Erickson, City Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Nelson

**2. AGENDA**

Duban asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pierskalla to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Dietz, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING**

Duban asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. A motion was made by Pierskalla and seconded by Kuchinka to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2010 regular meeting. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Dietz, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Erickson said the Board had a beginning balance of \$229,530.26, receipts of \$925.00 and expenses of \$967.43 for an ending balance of \$229,487.83. Duban asked about revolving loan fund payments. Erickson said both Heritage Heating & Air and Children's Learning and Adventure Center are past due. He said Lonsdale Hardware and Rental and Marlys Benolken are current on their loan payments. A motion was made by Kuchinka and seconded by Dietz to approve the Treasurer's Report and monthly bills. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Dietz, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Conduct the Drawing for the Lonsdale 1<sup>st</sup> Prizes**

Erickson recommended the Board conduct the drawing for businesses to purchase give certificates/cards from so staff could purchase them before the drawing for prizes scheduled for the January 20, 2011 meeting. The following businesses were drawn to purchase give certificates/cards from:

1. Custom Cuts by Carol: \$50.00
2. Double "D" Towing/Home Oil: \$25.00
3. Quilting by the Hearth: \$25.00
4. Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill: \$25.00
5. Great Wrench: \$25.00

### **b. Review the Proposed Rice County Zoning Text Amendment for the EDA Sign Adjacent to I-35 in the Right of Way**

Erickson said staff has been working with Rice County Planning Department staff to create language to allow the EDA to erect the proposed signage adjacent to I-35. He said the process would take up to five months to get final approvals.

Erickson said he would also talk to Deanna Kuennen and Gary Weiers at Rice County to build support for the proposed zoning text amendment.

### **c. Update on Nature's Prime Organic (NPO) Foods**

Erickson informed the Board that NPO still did not want to provide the City any securities as collateral for the proposed project. The Board held general discussion regarding the project. Furrer asked if Rice County could assist in anyway. Erickson said they have verbally agreed to tax abatement but it would be unlikely they would provide securities for NPO. Daleiden said he received a call from Grey Stone regarding a project update and them possibly being involved in constructing the building. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kuchinka to require NPO to provide the City securities, preferably a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Dietz, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Discuss 2011 Goals**

Erickson provided the Board with a copy of the EDA's webpage stating the EDA's goals for 2010. He said he would like the Board to review the goals and provide staff possible goals for 2011 to be included in the next meetings packet to be discussed and approved at the January meeting. Daleiden reviewed the goals set by the Board for 2010. The Board held general discussion on reality of an incubator building being financed and constructed by the EDA. Dietz said a lot of good thing have happened in town over the past year such as the lumber yard and the Vosejpkka Electric building being purchased, the Hardware Store being sold and opened under new ownership and nearly any vacant buildings on Main St. Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Nelson suggested the

Board look at activities that are regionally based such as the Czech heritage group with the cities of Montgomery and New Prague and also draw people from the region and not just Lonsdale to events held in Lonsdale. She said by thinking regionally, it will give people a reason to come to Lonsdale.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Thursday Chat with the Chamber – 9:00 am After EDA Meeting

Lieske reminded the Board that the Third Thursday Chat will be at 9:00 AM at the Chamber Office.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pierskalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 am. Vote for: Furrer, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None  
Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator