

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2024

EDC President Robert Forster called the meeting to order Thursday May 9, 2024 at 6 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at the meeting were President-Robert Forster, Vice-President Tammy Dubbels, Secretary-Suzette Arndt, Dolores Mueller, Linda Blonn. Phil Anderson was absent.

EDC meeting minutes from April 11, 2024 were reviewed and Tammy Dubbels entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Linda Blonn seconded. The motion carried 5-0

Kevin Salyer from the Fire Department presented a Façade Grant to update the exterior of the Kouts Fire Station. They will be painting the exterior and installing a new overhead door trim, gutters, and soffit. The cost for the total project is \$21612.15 and they are requesting \$5000. Tammy Dubbels made a motion to approve the Façade Grant in the amount of \$5000, Dolores Mueller Seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Laurie Tribble (Treasurer) asked if we would see about repairing the sign. Stewart Signs said that the parts to repair the Town Sign would be \$1598 for a new modem and \$248 for a surge protector. Suzette Arndt stated that she didn't feel that the EDC should put any more money in the sign. Tammy Dubbels said that the EDC has spent \$2500 in the last 14 months for repairs. Theirry Lyles is looking at helping to get one from where Family Express gets theirs from.

Dolores Mueller said this is her last meeting, she is moving to Valparaiso. She was thanked for her involvement in the EDC.

Drazier Park basketball court was discussed. Orville Jefferson (Park Director) may be getting donations from Family Express for the Hoops. Movie in the Park was also discussed.

Tammy Dubbels also brought up putting in an area for the older kids at the park to be able to play on. The one we put in currently is geared towards younger children.

Meeting Adjourned 6:29 pm