

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11, 2009**

OATH OF OFFICE.

**Rick Krant
Gary Crosby**

Community Development Director Rosenfeld administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed members Rick Krant and Gary Crosby and welcomed them to the Commission.

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority met in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the Government Center, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. President Lisa Fahey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Phil Fischer, Troy Witt, Dawn Underferth, Jim Lange, Gary Crosby and Rick Krant present. Also present were Executive Director Trisha Rosenfeld, Finance Director Dawn Meyer, Mayor Tim Lies, Councilmembers Tim O'Laughlin, Cary Coop and Gary Trost, Paul Gatz, Mike Sobota, Michael Klatt, and Pat O'Laughlin.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt, second by Commissioner Underferth, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. April 13, 2008 Regular Session.

MOTION by Commissioner Lange, second by Commissioner Fischer, to approve the April 13, 2009 Regular Session minutes as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Approval of Bills.

MOTION by Commissioner Lange, second by Commissioner Underferth, to approve the payment of bills as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. Presentation, Economic Development Plan DRAFT - Janna King, Economic Development Services.

President Fahey welcomed Janna King of Economic Development Services.

Ms. King presented the draft Economic Development Plan and provided an overview of the process to date. She explained that interviews were conducted with developers and brokers in November, 2008. An economic analysis was prepared with the assistance of specialists from various areas related to economic development.

Those present reviewed the draft plan. The plan included the vision statement and a summary of economic development strategic initiatives. Each of the initiatives contained a number of goals for each of the next three years. The plan included details as how to accomplish the goals, assignment and timeline.

The plan put an emphasis on the use of the website. Scott County Community Development Director Mike Sobota suggested a joint marketing plan for cities within Scott County and offered assistance from the County. He also suggested that SCALE land use strategies be referenced in the plan.

Janna King noted that medical clinics and libraries help make a successful sub-regional center. A discussion of JOBZ was discussed and it was noted that this out-state job creation program will be phased out by 2011. Councilmember Lange suggested that the City consider annexation into the Carver and Sibley counties. Michael Klatt commented that it is important for the EDA and City Council to move forward with the implementation of the plan. Commissioner Phil Fischer suggested that the work plan be re-arranged in chronological order by implementation date. Janna King explained that budgetary figures will be added to the plan. President Fahey and Commissioner Jim Lange commented on the large amount of detailed information that was included in the report. Community Development Director Rosenfeld explained that the Economic Development Plan will be presented to the City Council for their approval and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Lies thanked everyone for their commitment in this project and commented that the plan will be a great tool for economic development.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE.

6.1. Next meeting will be Monday, June 08, 2009.

Commissioner Lange asked that the newly-appointed Commissioners Krant and Crosby be provided information on recent EDA activities.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Commissioner Underferth, second by Commissioner Fischer, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary