

Economic Development Authority

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Lake George Municipal Complex

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chris Jacques, Bernie Perryman, Dave Masters, Tohow Siyad, and King Banaian and Alice Lenzmeier (joined after consent agenda & officers agenda item)

Members Absent: Steve Laraway

Staff Present: Cathy Mehelich, Deanna Fah, and Abby Schneider

Others Present: Tom Bruce, Rice Companies

ADDITION TO AGENDA – ADD NOVEMBER 29 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 EDA MEETING

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2021 EDA MEETING

FINANCIAL REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS – DESIGNATE ST CLOUD TIMES AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS – APPOINT CATHY MEHELICH AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE EDA

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS – DESIGNATE 2022 REGULAR EDA MEETINGS TIME AND PLACE

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CROPLAND FARM LEASES FOR 2022-2026 IN THE ST CLOUD AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK

ACTION TAKEN: Masters/Siyad/Approved (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS – ELECTION OF 2022 EDA OFFICERS

ACTION TAKEN: Masters/Jacques/Approved (5-0)

Banaian reviewed the current roles – Banaian as President, Lenzmeier as Vice President, Jacques as Treasurer, Schneider as Secretary, Fah as Assistant Treasurer.

Motion to retain current slate of officers made by Masters, second by Jacques. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT WITH WHITE PINE DEVELOPMENT LLC

ACTION TAKEN: Jacques/Lenzmeier/Approved (6-0)

Public hearing opened.

Mehelich explained the history of this project. EDA statutes on sale of EDA land requires construction commence within a year of the sale and have the intent to create jobs. Tom Bruce reviewed the preliminary site plans and proposed tenant, HRS (Heater Rental Service, St. Cloud) for 50,000sf of the proposed initial 80,000sf building, and their overall goals for construction and securing two more tenants. Bruce indicated although steel beams is one-year out on delivery, their intent is to begin construction as soon as tenants for 80,000sf of the building space is secured.

Public hearing closed.

Motion by Jacques to approve the Resolution, second by Lenzmeier. Motion carried unanimously.

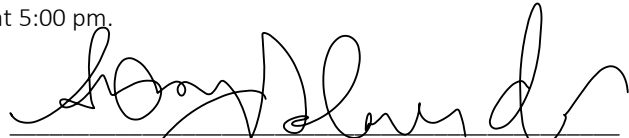
OTHER BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
ACTION TAKEN: None

Mehelich reviewed the EDA development activity highlights for 2021, highlighted the outreach of the InnovatorsCONNECT program and the business expansion programs that occurred. An update on the timeline for posting and hiring the Economic Specialist position was provided with a goal of filling the position in March when the City Hall offices open at the remodeled former Tech High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Abby Schneider, Secretary