

Wabasso EDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Pat Eichten with Board Members Rachel Ingebretson, Carole Remiger, and Chuck Robasse in attendance.

Also in attendance were Jim Jenniges, Julie Rathe and Mary Smith.

The minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Robasse, seconded by Ingebretson.

Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

Jim Jenniges appeared before the board with a request for financing of improvements at Cedar Street Bar & Grill. Julie Rathe helped to explain how the numbers were arrived at for the financing needed. The board reviewed the application and asked for additional information before making a decision. He was asked to return when he is able to present that information.

She suggested Wabasso might like to have a survey of businesses done as is being done in Renville. It would provide information on what the businesses see as strengths or needs in the community to assist them to thrive. The board agreed to do this.

Julie also informed the board an interview with Cathy Schwartz is now posted on the Redwood Area Development Corporation web site.

There is an upcoming presentation of the Rural Electric Economic Development, Inc's REED Fund program to assist with funding for economic development and community needs on June 19 in Windom.

The RADC is now working on offering bookkeeping services to small businesses that may need the assistance.

The main portion of the meeting was taken up by discussion of May Street extension. The discussion included the option for Serenity Suites to purchase the lot next to the current development for future expansion. The board considered the purchase price, the amount for the option, the length of time to exercise the option.

The clerk was asked to contact Shannon Sweeny and ask him to provide an explanation of how the tax abatement for May Street works as there is some confusion about this.

Mike Remiger stopped near the end of the meeting with a request to install rain guard in the gutters at the 5 plex. It can help prevent leaves and things building up and causing the gutters to overflow. The cost is \$3.50 per foot. Mike thought it would cost \$600-\$700 for the 5 plex. The rain guard was approved on a motion by Robasse, seconded by Remiger.
Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented on a motion by Ingebretson, seconded by Remiger.
Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

Bills in the amount of \$2,167.61 were approved for payment on a motion by Remiger, seconded by Robasse.
Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes, Remiger-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.