

Minutes
Swift County RDA Board Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2008 @ DeToy's Restaurant, Benson, MN

Members Present: Jason Heinecke, Pete Peterson, Belinda Sanders, Ann Delgehausen, Dorothy Rosemeier, and Eric Rudnigen,
Members Absent: Paul Kittelson, Ed Ulmaniec.
Staff Present: Jennifer Gruis
Others Present: Stan Simon

100 Agenda

One item was scratched from the **4-17-08 Agenda**. Item 503 Business/Job Retention was removed by Jennifer.

200 Minutes

The **Minutes of the 4-17-08 RDA Board Meeting** were reviewed. **MOTION** by Pete second by Jason to approve the **Minutes of the 4-17-08 RDA Board Meeting**. Motion carried.

300 Financial Reports

The Board reviewed the March 2008 financial statements for the RDA as prepared by Conway Deuth and Schmiesing. The balance sheet showed \$438,832.37 in total liabilities and equity on 3-31-08. Statement of revenues, expenditures and fund balances showed a net income (loss) of (\$11,208.73) for the period 1-1-08 to 3-31-08. Revenue and Expenses for the period 1-1-08 to 12-31-08 were \$6,470.60 and \$17,679.33 respectively. Available to lend on 1-31-08 was \$50,556.03 and available to operate was \$146,384.62

A question was asked about the Investment in the Corn Pool regarding the basis. Jennifer does not think the basis has changed, but will check with Jill. Eric made a **MOTION** to approve the **March 2008 Financial Reports**, 2nd by Jason. Motion carried.

400 Decision Items

There were no decision items.

500 Discussion Items

501 2008 Priority Initiatives - Jennifer and Ann presented the 2008-2009 RDA Goals Draft to the Board. The document included references to the section of the County Comprehensive Plan as well as Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations. This will be the working goal draft that Jennifer will be evaluated on for the remainder of the year.

502 Stan Simon - CERTs grant opportunities - Stan Simon joined the Board to discuss CERTs projects and recently approved CREB projects. Two regional ones noted were the Milan Initiative School efficiency project and the Murdock school project. A key area seemed to be around reducing energy consumption and costs thru green technology and replacing fuel oil usage.

504 Youth Board Member - Jennifer recently attended an Integrative Leadership workshop and found many groups shared the RDA's goal of growing and retaining youth. Jennifer suggested the Board consider bringing on a youth or young adult board member.

Dorothy suggested contacting Brian McNeil as he has done a lot of work regarding youth on boards. The members seemed receptive to it.

600 Information Items

601 Executive Director Report - Members were provided a copy of the Director's report for the previous month.

602 Significant Correspondence Items/Calendar - Jennifer quickly noted some of the significant items from the month in case some members of the Board did not have time to review the folder, and Dorothy provided some information regarding Ken Meter and a presentation on "Growth in Local Food Economies - Trend and Indicators". Ken will be speaking in Willmar in July and there is an opportunity to bring him to our area. Jennifer will get with Dawn at the RDC and see if there is an opportunity to partner with Big Stone and offer the event in Appleton.

700 Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 am at DeToy's.