

Minutes  
Swift County RDA Board Special Meeting  
Friday, January 26, 7:00 a.m., Co-op Credit Union, Benson

Members Present: Ann Delgehausen, Belinda Sanders, Pete Peterson, Ed Ulmaniec,  
Eric Rudningen, Tim Wengler, Paul Kittelson

Members Absent: Jon Erickson, Jason Heinecke

Staff Present: Ryan Krosch – Interim RDA Executive Director

President Ulmaniec called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

**Agenda**

Krosch asked that “MAPCED Membership” be added to the agenda under #4 – Other Items.

***On a motion Kittelson, seconded by Sanders, the agenda was approved with the above mentioned addition.***

**Discuss employment status of RDA director position**

The board discussed if the RDA director position should be an employee of the RDA or if the RDA should request that the position be a county employee. Krosch presented the Board with salary, benefit and employment status information from other county economic development agencies in the area. The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of making the director position a county employee or an employee of the RDA.

***On a motion by Sanders, seconded by Wengler, the Board approved having the RDA Director position remain an employee of the Swift County RDA and not to seek county employment status for the position.***

Sanders said she would attend the County Board meeting February 6, 2007, to inform the Board the RDA was not interested in having the RDA Director be a county employee.

The Board then discussed what type salary and benefits to provide for the position. The Board discussed the need to come up with a competitive salary and benefit package to help attract and/or retain a director. The Board asked Krosch to put together a salary and benefit package similar to what other area county economic developers and Swift County employees get. When this information is complete, Krosch will email it to the Board for review and comment. After the salary and benefits are set, Krosch was instructed to proceed with advertising for the position.

## **Other Items**

### MAPCED Membership

Krosch presented the Board with a membership request for the Minnesota Association of Professional Economic Developers, or MAPCED. Membership dues are \$125 for 2007.

On a motion Rudningen, seconded by Delgehausen, the Board approved paying the 2007 membership dues to MAPCED.

There was no other business discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Krosch  
Interim Executive Director