

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
July 11, 2016
Martin County Courthouse, Fairmont, MN

The meeting was called to order by Chris Pierce at 12:00 p.m. Board members present were: Elliot Belgard, Randy Grupe, Brent Schultze, Larry Baarts, Jerry Clark and Dan Schmidtke. Absent: Jerry Clark and Chris Pierce. Others present: Linsey Pruess, Coordinator Fairmont Economic Development Authority (FEDA), Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor, Scott Higgins, County Coordinator.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Schultze to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

No minutes of June 6, 2016 Board meeting.

No monthly client report or updates.

Pierce opened discussion on the proposed resolution for the request by Zierke Manufacturing of Winnebago, MN for tax abatement for property located in Fairmont, MN.

Pruess presented a resolution for the Board to consider initiating the process or approval of a proposed property tax abatement of county taxes for property located in Fairmont for Zierke Built Manufacturing to bring all operations to Fairmont. Pruess stated that Zierke Built Manufacturing of Winnebago, MN desires to move all operations of their manufacturing business to Fairmont in the former US Foods warehouse in Fairmont, MN. Per the officials at Zierke Built Manufacturing they proposed to bring 30-40 jobs and in add 30 jobs in the next few years. It is proposed that in order to meet the needs of the manufacturer, the former US Foods building is in need of \$500,000-\$700,000 of renovations. The proposed amount of total tax abatement for the county is estimated at \$110,000 over a 10 year period, approximately up to \$11,000 per year in tax abatement from the County. The City of Fairmont will also be considering full tax abatement of property taxes for the 10 year period as well. The City of Fairmont and the County would each enter in separate development agreements. The fees associated with the proposed tax abatement (i.e. legal fees) will be paid by the City of Fairmont

Higgins informed the board that the county has a Business Subsidy Policy that addresses such subsidy requests, further stating that the county had approved tax abatement for the Trimont Town Centre a few years ago.

After further discussion,

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Grupe to approve the Resolution as follows:

MARTIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. #7-2016

RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED PROPERTY
TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE ZIERKE BUILT MANUFACTURING PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Martin County Economic Development Authority, Minnesota (the "Authority"), as follows:

1. Recitals. It has been proposed that Martin County, Minnesota grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the County on improvements made to certain property within the County; all pursuant to and in conformity with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1816, both inclusive.

2. Public Hearing. Under applicable law, it is necessary for the Board of Commissioners of Martin, Minnesota (the "County Board"), to hold a public hearing on the proposed property tax abatements, and the Authority hereby requests the County Board to hold the public hearing, following notice thereof having been published not less than 10 and not more than 30 days prior thereto, and to consider thereafter the proposed property tax abatements for approval at a meeting of the County Board on August 16, 2016.

Commissioner Pierce introduced the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Grupe and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Martin County Economic Development Authority on July 11, 2016.

Chris Pierce, Board President

Attest: Brent Schultze, Secretary/Treasurer

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Martin County Economic Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a duly called and held regular or special meeting of the Authority held on July 11, 2016, with the original minutes thereof on file in my office and that the same is a full, true, and correct transcript thereof insofar as said minutes relate to the resolution initiating process related to the proposed property tax abatements for the Zierke Built Manufacturing Project.

WITNESS My hand officially and the official seal of the Authority this 11th day of July, 2016.

Martin County Economic Development
Authority

(SEAL)

Pruess requested that a couple of the members of the EDA Board be appointed to serve on joint committee with two members of the FEDA board to advise on proposed Zierke Built Manufacturing tax abatement.

Motion by Baarts, seconded by Schmidtke, to appoint Chris Pierce and Brent Schultze to a joint committee to represent the two EDA boards on the proposed tax abatement subsidy for Zierke Built Manufacturing and to authorize per diems and expenses to serve on the committee. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented and reviewed the bills.

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Belgard to ratify and approve the bills from June 7, 2016-July 11, 2016 in the amount of \$1,192.94. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly CY2016 YTD Financial Statements for June 2016 and monthly activity report. Higgins stated that the fund balance as of end of June 2016 is \$251,329.06.

Higgins reviewed the general information in the board packets, which included Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Enterprise Loan Program brochure, and Trimont Chamber of

Commerce Meeting minutes for June 6, 2016 and upcoming countywide broadband feasibility study progress report scheduled during the regular Board of Commissioner meeting on July 19, 2016.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 5:15pm, Martin County Courthouse (Fairmont, MN).

With no further business to wit,

Pierce declared the meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Chris Pierce, Board President

Attest: Brent Schultze, Secretary/Treasurer