

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
Special Meeting
November 19, 2018**

The special meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Brent Schultze at 1:05pm. Those present were: Tim Terfehr, Steve Fosness and Wes Anderson. Absent: Elliot Belgard, Dan Schmidtke and Larry Baarts. Also present: Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, Linsey Pruess, FEDA Coordinator, and Sherri DeJong, Great Plains Transportation, Inc., Mike Sheplee, Martin County Deputy Assessor.

Schultze stated the purpose of the meeting is to consider request for property tax abatement request from Sherri DeJong for expansion project for Great Plains Transportation.

Pruess reviewed the proposed project, stating that the proposed economic development project is to construction approximately 12,000 sq. ft. office addition for Great Plains Transportation located at the Arthur Andrews Building located at 923 South State Street, Fairmont, MN. The request is for property tax abatement for the proposed expansion project for ten year tax abatement. The county's estimated total amount of tax abatement for the ten year period is projected to be \$164,000. The proposed project is projected to create at least five Full time jobs in five years and total of eight jobs in eight years. The average salary is \$12.50 per hour, plus benefits. The City of Fairmont and the Fairmont School District is also being asked for property tax abatement. The total projected amount of tax abatement for the ten year period for the three local government entities is projected at \$539,140. The estimated tax value of the new addition is projected to be \$2,059,000.

DeJong stated that the company has been in Fairmont for twenty three years. The company is expanding and we need more office space. We hope to get started with construction soon.

A request letter from DeJong was included in the Board agenda packets, along with a summary of the proposed expansion project and the County Business Subsidy policy.

Terfehr stated that we are glad they wish to stay in Fairmont.

There was discussion on the project meeting the Business Subsidy Policy. General consensus was that the project met the criteria of the Policy.

Schultze stated his support for the tax abatement for the proposed project. I believe it meets the criteria for the County Business Subsidy Policy.

Anderson stated his concerns of allowing tax abatements if farmers don't get any tax abatements.

DeJong stated that there are other subsidies farmers received that local businesses do not receive. It is about adding new jobs.

After further discussion,

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Terfehr to approve the following resolution,

MARTIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. A1-2018

RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INC. EXPANSION 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 January 8, 2019.

Steve Fosness introduced the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Tim Terfehr 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 November 19, 2018.

Brent Schultze, Board President

Attest: Larry Baarts, 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 November 19, 2018, 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 19th day of November, 2018.

Larry Baarts, Secretary/Treasurer, Martin
County Economic Development Authority

Voting Aye: Terfehr, Fosness, and Schultze. Voting Nay: Anderson
Motion carried.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Terfehr adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.

Brent Schultze, Board President

Larry Baarts, Board Secretary/Treasurer