

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

A meeting of the St. Cloud Economic Development Authority Board was held on May 1, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. in City Hall Conference Room 3. Members present were Euerle, Gruenes, Lawson, Lenzmeier and Libert. Masters and Siyad were absent. Staff present were Cathy Mehelich, Tammy Campion, and Ashley Skaggs.

**Consent Agenda:** Libert moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of March 6, 2013 EDA Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of EDA Revenue/Expenditure Report as of February 28, 2013

Approval of EDA Revenue/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2013

The motion was seconded by Euerle and carried unanimously.

**Resolution Approving Right of First Refusal Granted to Berling Properties, LLC:** Cathy Mehelich, Economic Development Director, explained a request by Berling Properties, owner of Goldleaf Plastics, Inc. to secure an interest in the adjacent EDA-owned lot to accommodate future growth opportunities. Proceeds from the sale and development of the I-94 Business Park are distributed between the City, St. Cloud Opportunities and the EDA. The property will continue to be marketed for sale during the three year agreement for Right of Refusal.

Euerle made a motion to approve the resolution approving Right of First Refusal granted to Berling Properties, LLC. The motion was seconded by Euerle and carried unanimously.

**Approve and Authorize Execution of Farm Lease for 2013 Crop Year in I-94 Business Park:** Cathy Mehelich, Economic Development Director, explained that the original I-94 Business Park farm lease was established in 1994 and has been renewed annually with brothers Leroy and Lloyd Gohman. The farm lease has been updated, and the farmers have accepted the terms.

Lenzmeier made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the farm lease for 2013 crop year in the I-94 Business Park. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Approve and Authorize Execution of Farm Leases for 2013 Crop Year in St. Cloud**

**Airport Business Park:** Cathy Mehelich, Economic Development Director, explained that the original St. Cloud Airport Business Park farm leases were established in 2004 and have been renewed annually with Travis Brambrink for the farm land east of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Mike Gans for the farm land west of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. The farm leases have been updated, and the farmers have accepted the terms.

Libert made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the farm lease for 2013 crop year in St. Cloud Airport Business Park with Mike Gans. The motion was seconded by Lawson and carried unanimously.

Euerle made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the farm lease for 2013 crop year in St. Cloud Airport Business Park with Travis Brambrink. The motion was seconded by Lenzmeier and carried unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Cathy Mehelich, Economic Development Director, stated that the Economic Development Department is working with several companies on expansion opportunities.

The Lakota Group will be returning to St. Cloud in mid-May for both the branding and placemaking initiatives. They will be holding a Community Workshop on May 15, 2013. More information will be available soon.

New Market Tax Credit recommendations have been received from the consultants working with the Greater St. Cloud Development Corp. Information will be prepared to share at the June meeting.

Tammy Campion, Senior Planner, shared information regarding the marketing of EDA owned properties. The 2012 Community Profile was presented with updated information.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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Ashley Skaggs, EDA Secretary