

SDC Board Meeting & Citizens Advisory Review Committee

DATE: January 26th, 2011 (approved 02-16-11)

LOCATION: First National Bank

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)*
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Steve Thompson

Guests

Jim McGowen

CARC Members*

Larry Karel
Lonnie Kitt
Jerry Karnatz
Charlie Heavican

Mission Statement: *To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.*

7:00 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (01-05-10) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- David Johnson's recent appointment as a City Council Member has resulted in his resignation from the SDC and CARC.
- SDC Board approved Directorships for Jeff Schmidt and Gil Wiginton. Larry will notify the new Directors. Jeff and Gil will be invited to attend the next SDC Meeting on February 16th.
- First two months (October – November) of the current fiscal year, shows an increase in LB 840 Revenue of + 6.7% (+\$ 2,045) compared to October-November from a year ago.
- Jim McGowen, Utilities Department Superintendent, reported the new south electrical substation is scheduled for completion by 06-15-11. Also, plans for a new north sanitary sewer lift station continues to move forward.
- Directors voted in favor of authorizing EDC to sign the pending Letter Of Understating (LOU) from UPRR. LOU is a commitment from UPRR for future rail service to the proposed Industrial Park. LOU has twelve to eighteen month expiration from the date of authorization.
- A Flood Mitigation Committee for Shell Creek waterways / Nieman Ditch has been formed and is chaired by Gil Wiginton. An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County and City has been implemented. A bond issue for constructing a dike is likely to be presented to voters sometime this summer / early fall. Directors were reminded that Flood Prevention was their number one goal identified during last fall's Strategic Planning process. In March, EDC will present for Directors' consideration a recommendation to provide financial support for flood mitigation.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 78 employment opportunities within a ten mile radius of Schuyler (01/24/11)
 - December unemployment rate for Colfax County was 3.1%
 - Jonnies Motel was recently purchased for \$175,000
 - Trustee's Sale of Oakview One Stop will be February 3rd (10 a.m.) at the Courthouse
 - letter from Craig and Jo Anne Marxsen was discussed; on behalf of the SDC, Larry agreed to draft a written reply; further discussion anticipated at the next SDC Meeting
 - Platte River Flood Plain meeting on Thursday, Jan. 27th, @ Courthouse (10 a.m.)
 - annual Schuyler Celebration Banquet is February 19th (Saturday)

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** February 16th, 2011 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital