

SDC Board Meeting
February 3rd, 2010 (approved on 02-24-10)

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital
TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Marv Capoun
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
David Johnson
Brian Vavricek

ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Steve Thompson

Guests:

Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (01-13-10) approved.
- YTD LB 840 Revenue (Oct. – Nov. '09) compared to the previous fiscal year is down -10.5% (\$3,587). Compared to the '07-'08 fiscal year, LB 840 Revenues up +12.1% (\$3,321).
- CNCS (Head Start) has purchased land from SCS and one residential lot from the Utilities Department to construct a new building north of W. 22nd Street and south of the new elementary building.
- Directors updated on the progress with the **Schuyler Industrial Park concept** ~ developing '**Competitive Preparedness**'. EDC met again with the UPRR representative and a rail design engineer (VIA Rail Logistics) on January 27th. By mid March may have an accurate indication of the possibility in securing a commitment from UPRR for future rail service to the 95.5 acre industrial site.
- "Community Insurable Interest" and the importance of replacement insurance coverage for commercial buildings was discussed. Directors were provided copy of letter (January 14th, 2010) mailed to Commercial Lenders (Banks), Schuyler Insurance Agents and Realtors.
- Both concern and the need for financial assistance were voiced in support of long time business (Kracl Garage) destroyed recently by fire. Via email, Kem will present options to Directors for consideration.
- Worksheet calculating the 'economic impact of a family moving to Columbus' was reviewed. EDC hopes to have a similar impact worksheet for Schuyler available at the next SDC Board Meeting.
- Housing Update: Second annual business luncheon for Contractors, Lenders and Realtors was held at Gene's Restaurant on January 21st. Twenty individuals were in attendance. Representatives from FNB, Pinnacle Bank, NENEDD and NeighborWorks made 15 minute presentations followed by questions and discussion. EDC provided a quantitative progress report for the past three years (2006-2009) for growing Schuyler's housing stock. In the past three years, Schuyler has achieved only 13% of the needed new housing construction as recommended in the 2006 Housing Assessment Study. Also, on March 11th housing consultants will be providing a Progress Assessment of the eight recommended housing strategies adopted at the 2006-2007 Schuyler Community Housing Conference.
- Schuyler Celebration Banquet is March 6th and Quarterly Community Forum is March 11th.
- Miscellaneous:
 - December Unemployment for Colfax County (3.7%)
 - 224 FT / PT employment opportunities within 20 mile radius (as of 02-02-10)
 - website visits to SchuylerNebraska.net remain strong; visits to alumni site continue to be cyclical

8:05 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** February 24th, 2010 (Wednesday)
TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City Building