

SDC Board Meeting
February 24th, 2010 (approved on 03-17-10)

LOCATION: City Building

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

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

ABSENT:

Larry Karel (President)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Chris Langemeier
Steve Thompson

Guests:

Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (Vice President).
- Minutes (02-03-10) approved.
- YTD LB 840 Revenue (Oct. – Dec. '09) compared to the previous fiscal year is down -8.1% (\$4,337). Compared to '07-'08 fiscal year, LB 840 Revenues up +11.5% (\$5,093). Also, Directors were introduced to a new report – 'LB 840 Expenditures / Revenues Estimate'. Report will be updated monthly.
- City Council approved obligating \$70,000 of additional / excess LB 840 funds for the construction of a campground restroom building. Date of construction yet to be determined.
- Lora Johnson is the new Chamber Office Secretary. Weekly office hours posted on website.
- Copies of the Chamber's January newsletter were distributed to Directors. 'Commercial Buildings – Replacement Coverage' was a featured article.
- March 6th (Saturday) is the Chamber's annual Schuyler Celebration Banquet.
- The possibility of constructing N. Chicago Street from W. 20th Street to W. 22nd Street was a lengthy discussion. Directors again voiced the importance and need for completing this capital improvements project at the earliest opportunity. Utilizing LB 840 funds for a 0% repayable business loan to the private developer as a potential partial funding source received unanimous consensus from Directors. City Council has included N. Chicago Street into the City's One and Six Year Road Plan.
- An account (Kracl Garage Fire Fund) has been opened at each bank for private donations. Also, Kracl Garage is eligible for the FIFund.
- At the next SDC Meeting, Kem will be recommending for consideration changes / enhancements to the FIFund.
- Incremental Progress ~ Appreciable Impact describes the ongoing progress with both Schuyler's community and economic development. Important the many successes in recent years be repeatedly articulated to counter the negativity of a vocal minority.
- Housing Update: Directors are requested to attend the Progress Assessment on March 11th (3:30 p.m.) at St. John's Lutheran Church. Approximately ten consultants will be in attendance.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 235 FT / PT employment opportunities within 20 mile radius (as of 02-23-10)
 - EDC's contact with Casey's corporate office no longer with company; future of former store's location uncertain
 - Quarterly Community Forum is March 11th (Thursday @ 4:15 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 17th, 2010 (Wednesday)

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