

SDC Board Meeting

July 15th, 2009 (approved on 08-05-09)

LOCATION: City Building
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
David Johnson
Steve Thompson

ABSENT:

Jon Knutson
Chris Miller
Brian Vavricek

Guests:

Senator Chris Langemeier

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (06-17-09) approved.
- Steve Thompson welcomed as a new SDC Director.
- Directorship vacancy will be created with the relocation of Chris Miller to Omaha.
- FHLBank Topeka has awarded a \$25,000 JOBS Grant to Schuyler's FNB and the new Facade Improvement Fund (**FIFund**). City Council had previously authorized \$25,000 economic development funds. Total **FIFunds** available are \$50,000.
- As of April '09, YTD Sales Tax Revenues are up +\$27,745 (12.8%). LB 840 revenues are up +\$14,479 (13.5%).
- YTD SDC Expenses Paid (as of June 30th, 2009) is \$40,188.56. Projected annualized expenditures for the remaining fiscal year are 98% to 99% of Budget.
- The proposed 'Roundabout' was discussed at considerable length. Many community and economic concerns were voiced by Directors. No one spoke in support of the proposed Roundabout.
- Granville Homes, Inc. is scheduled to begin this week constructing the first duplex (single family attached) on north Elk Street.
- Miscellaneous:
 - unemployment in May for Colfax County was 3.6%. Nebraska was 4.4%.
 - 160 FT / PT employment opportunities within a 20 mile radius of Schuyler were listed by the NE Workforce Development on July 14th
- At the invitation of the SDC, Senator Chris Langemeier was in attendance. Chris discussed the access enhancement (paved approach) to the Rick Werts property. Following the Senator's suggestion, the City of Schuyler will be making application to the NDOR requesting authorization to construct a permanent access. Directors voted unanimously in support of the City's application and the expenditure of economic development funds (LB 840) to finance construction costs. In response to a Director's question, Senator Langemeier addressed the critical importance of positive community attitudes in achieving community successes.

8:05 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 5th, 2009 (Wednesday)
TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City Building