



MINUTES

**COHASSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: EDA President Greg Hagy called the Cohasset Economic Development Authority meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor/EDA President Greg Hagy, City Council Liaison Tim Carlson, EDA Vice President Conrad Feldt, Larry Gemmill, & Bill Boutwell

Absent with Notice: Max Peters, Nick Wooner, & Scott Larson

Others Present: Brent Roering, Owner of Rapid Processing

3. Review & Approve Agenda: *A motion was made by Feldt/Boutwell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Appointment of Officers — Hagy appointed the following Officers:

- a) President - Greg Hagy
- b) Vice-President - Conrad Feldt
- c) Treasurer - Max Peters
- d) Secretary - Scott Larson

5. Business or Resident Input: Brent Roering reported that when he moved into the Industrial Park in 2004 he had two employees and he now has eight wonderful employees. Roering reported that business has been great but business taxes have had a direct impact on him because the State of Minnesota requires him to charge 6.875% sales tax on labor, while his out of state competitors do not charge sales tax on labor. President Hagy reported that effective January 1, 2014 the City is required to charge 8% sales tax to all out of state companies who contract for the City. Roering stated he was not aware of that but still feels MN businesses are at a disadvantage since the customer perceives that he is paying sales tax.

Roering thanked the City for keeping the permitting process simple and affordable, especially compared to neighboring cities. In closing, Roering reported that things are good

in the Industrial Park and thanked the City for helping with the turn-around - Mayor Hagy thanked Roering for his update.

6. Approve the January 7, 2014 Minutes: *A motion was made by Carlson/Gemmill to approve the January 7, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

7. IEDC Update: Hagy reported that he received a communication from Mark Zimmerman stating that a new business is looking for space and Cohasset is being considered as a potential location.

8. Future Development Update — Work on Dollar General is ongoing. A parcel of property is under consideration for purchase as the final piece in the Phase II Industrial Park. Mayor Hagy reported there has been a serious inquiry for a company to purchase a lot in the Phase **II** Industrial Park.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester
Approved: 3/4/2014