



**MINUTES**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
**March 15, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Economic Development Authority meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

**Present:** Chair: Marty Schneider Board: Donny Chillstrom, Kurt Kaminski, Carrie Clemens  
Liz Olson, and Jahn Dyvik

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske

**Absent:** Lori Goodsell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Clemens seconded by Chillstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*A motion was made by, seconded by, to approve minutes of February 16, 2016 EDA meeting with changes of deleting a paragraph that was from another meeting and removing Clemen from in attendance to absent. Ayes: all.*

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Conversation with Jeff Martineau (Coldwell Banker Realtor) – Inquiring / Questions About Virginia Avenue**

Jeff Martineau - 2560 North Shore Drive, Orono - mentioned he was a previous own of a house on Virginia Ave many years ago. He has some friends still in the area and has some personal motivation to help market the Virginia Avenue property. Martineau believes the site is very visible and the current residents on Virginia need help keeping their houses updated as they aren't sure if they will ever get bought out.

The board explained there isn't anything interest at this time for the City to relocate residents from their houses and take on the expenses of purchasing private property. The board will be working towards a common goal for the city owned portion.

If Martineau wants any information from past projects that were presented they are open to the public.

**Continue Discussion of Ideas for EDA Goals and Priorities**

The board was provided a handout that demonstrated an RFP that was being done by the City of Rockford. The property was around the same size of the Virginia Ave and owned by the City of Rockford.

Rockford was guiding the parcel to be developed into what they envisioned it to be. This process will let the City decide on the best course of action and project for the site.

Some things that will need to be taken into consideration will be value of the land. Long Lake has an appraisal from 2011 but Rockford used an assessed value.

*Motion by Clemens, seconded by Olson to direct staff to mock up an RFP using the Virginia Avenue property and to present it to the board the next meeting. Ayes: All*

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The board would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss current and future goals along with wanting to have open communication about the new comp plan when that process starts.

#### **ADJOURN**

*Hearing no objection, Chairman Schneider adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:32 pm*

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske, Executive Director