

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Economic Development Authority**  
**Wednesday, July 12, 2006**

Dirk Berger, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Babione, Bender, Berger, Gassner, Jacobson, Wolf and Executive Director Morris. Kathy Novotny was an invited guest.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were reviewed. Bender moved approval, Babione seconded and the Committee approved unanimously.

2. Claims for Payment

The claims for payment were reviewed. Morris recommended adding a \$500.00 contribution to the Region IX Small Business Center and to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund. Gassner moved approval of the claims for payment as modified. Bender seconded and the Committee approved unanimously.

3. Building Permit Summaries

Christianson provided a summary of growth statistics for the year. Comparing 2005 vs. 2006 year to date numbers, new housing permits are at 69% of 2005 in 2006. Single family home permits are 46% of the level for last year and attached housing units are a total of 16 in 2006 vs. 6 in 2005.

4. Wally Miller Business Park

Morris reported there are now 15 businesses operating in the Wally Miller Business Park. They employ approximately 100 workers.

5. New Prague Opportunities/Chamber/EDA History

Morris provided the EDA Members copies of material he had collected for the Times in connection with their special Sesquicentennial Magazine.

6. Executive Directors Report

Morris provided the Executive Directors report for June. He said he would welcome calls at 758-1130 about anything in the reports.

7. EDA Funding

Morris provided the members a draft memo on the history of the EDA and its funding. The memo was intended to serve as a guide for a discussion the EDA plans to have with Jerry Bohnsack in September about the future of the EDA. After a lengthy discussion the EDA concluded there are many ways the EDA could be funded depending on how the City Council decides it want to operate the EDA. Wolf said the key question is how the Council wants the EDA to operate in the future and this should be the foundation of the September discussion with Bohnsack.

Action

Morris to send a copy of the discussion draft to Jim Kratochvil

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on September 13, 2006.

9. Jacobson moved to adjourn, Gassner seconded and the committee unanimously approved adjournment.