

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Economic Development Authority**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

Dirk Berger, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Berger, Guerrette, Wolf, Tietz, Slavik, Sletten, Bender and Executive Director Morris. Invited guests: Mike Johnson, Kristy Mach, Ken Ondich and Karin Witty.

1. Pete Sletten – New Member of EDA

Berger welcomed Pete Sletten to the EDA. Pete was selected by the City Council to replace Deanne Puente.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were reviewed. Tietz moved approval, Slavik seconded and the Committee approved unanimously.

3. Transfer Funds from NPO to EDA

Morris provided the EDA a copy of the New Prague Opportunities meeting where it was agreed to transfer any funds remaining after the NPO dissolution to the EDA. The EDA requested that a set of guidelines for the use of the funds be drafted for review by the EDA.

4. Claims for Payment

The claims for payment for April were reviewed. The Committee approved unanimously.

5. Balance Sheet and Income Statement

A review of these reports was conducted. It was requested that Morris, Johnson and Solheid review the Land and Building accounts. The total amount is \$633k.

6. Schumacher Hotel

Morris reported that John Schumacher's plan is to reopen the hotel and the restaurant in June of 2009. Johnson noted the City has not yet received the request for a building permit. Morris will follow up with Dave Gerold and John to assure the permit request is presented to the City.

7. Public Safety Building

Following the EDA meeting, Johnson took EDA members on a tour of the new building which was built on time and under budget.

8. Waste Water Treatment Plant

Johnson said the construction process is on schedule. Projected completion date is 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010 or early 2011.

9. Quality Flow

Morris said he had nothing new to report on Quality Flow.

10. Dozinky Festival

Kristy Mach reported the Dozinky Festival permits from the Minnesota Department of Transportation have been assured for the near term. Legislature is in process to secure the permits into the future.

11. Walgreens Drug Store

Ondich said this project is moving along well. Construction is now underway with a targeted opening in September. Ondich said there is a two acre site south of the Walgreens location that is available for sale.

12. Keystone Assisted Living Building

Wolf said he has no new information on the potential development of an assisted living building south of the State Bank.

13. New Prague Chamber of Commerce Update

Mach provided a brief update on the status of the New Prague Czechs program. The Chamber Board has decided to pay all holders of New Prague Czechs 100% of the Czechs value. A new program, which will be a cooperative effort with the State Bank, will be available soon. Mach said the Half Marathon and 5k went well with reasonable weather and increased numbers of participants. The first "Sisters Saturday" event was held on race day and 19 Chamber Businesses participated. There was an excellent turnout for this event. Mach said the TRAM event will be held July 30<sup>th</sup>.

14. Mexican Restaurant

Work continues on this project. No opening date has been made available yet.

15. Executive Directors Report

The report was made available. Morris said he would welcome any questions about the report.

16. Quit Claim Deed

The EDA approved the signing of a Quit Claim Deed of a small piece of property in the Business Park to Randy Kubes. Ondich will determine if Morris is authorized to sign Deed on behalf of the EDA.

17. Vacant Commercial Buildings

A discussion was held about what the EDA should do to help market existing properties such as the old State Bank building, the insurance building, and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Kratochvil building.

18. Planning Meeting

The EDA requested that in the June meeting time should be established to have a planning meeting to discuss plans for the future of the EDA and funding.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Next Meetings

June 10, 2009

July 8, 2009

September 9, 2009