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## City of New Prague Economic Development Authority

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### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers  
118 Central Avenue North  
New Prague, MN 56071

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Brent Quast with the following members present: Chuck Nickolay, Troy Pint, Brent Quast, Nick Slavik, Pete Sletten and Bruce Wolf

Absent: 1 Vacancy

City Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich and Glen Sticha

Others Present: Glen Coudron, MnDOT and Shawn Ryan, City Council Member

Chamber of Commerce: Board Members Mary Braith, Dan Jacobson, Barb Skluzacek and Executive Director Brooke Sticha

Brent Quast, President welcomed the EDA Board and the Chamber Board to a joint meeting of the two Board's. Its purpose was to hear how the City of St. Peter assisted their local businesses during the reconstruction project for Highway #169 back in 2009.

City Administrator Johnson introduced the St. Peter City Administrator, Todd Prafke and the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ed Lee (former newspaper editor) who presented and provided a powerpoint presentation to the group. They went through their program and stated that the City of St. Peter provided \$25,000 for use by a local committee for a marketing program during construction and the EDA provided loans at either \$3,000 or \$6,000 (backed by a 1 page unsecured loan note) to local businesses to help them get through construction.

There was Q & A between the speakers and the audience on various questions. A handout was provided from St. Peter titled, "Highway 169 Closure Mitigation" and a handout was also provided from St. James, titled "Highway 4 Construction – Business Survival Guide".

No additional action was taken or scheduled that evening.

Adjournment - There being no additional business, it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at approximately 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator/EDA Executive Director