

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

May 20, 2008

Chair Ray Sandey called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Ron Jabs, Dave Wolf and Paul Carey. Absent: Barry Ullmann, Greg Sticha and Daryl Karsky. Staff Present: Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator.

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Jabs, seconded by Wolf, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Medical Clinic Update: Shukle reported that Ridgeview Medical Center continues to pursue a medical clinic for Jordan. Their interest is in a site located on the east side of County Road 9 just north of the railroad tracks. They are intending to include a pharmacy inside of the clinic.

Hotel Update: Shukle reported that 4 developers are interested in locating a hotel in Jordan. Follow-up work continues with all of them.

Minnesota Design Team (MDT) Application Update: Shukle reported that he continues to contact the MDT representative to see if Jordan is under consideration for a site visit by the MDT for Spring 2009. The EDA asked if the city should move forward and hire a consultant to develop downtown designs in place of the MDT. Shukle will research this idea and report back at a later date.

U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282 Interchange Project – Lobbying Effort: Shukle reported that the legislature had adjourned on May 19 and the bill requesting preliminary engineering/planning money for the 169/282 interchange project did not receive a hearing. A new strategy is being looked at regarding 169 with the possible establishment of a coalition comprised of several cities and counties along the 169 corridor.

Other Business: Shukle brought up the idea of a roundabout at Creek Lane and TH 282. He wanted to get the EDA's reaction to such a project. The EDA responded favorably but were interested in exploring a 4-way stop first and transition into a roundabout. Shukle indicated that a meeting will be held later this summer with area businesses and properties regarding the roundabout idea at this location. He also pointed out that a traffic study is being performed by the city engineer regarding the volume of traffic at this intersection and whether a roundabout is warranted.

Shukle also mentioned an open house scheduled for May 21 at the Jordan Middle School regarding the city's proposed 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update and invited the EDA to attend.

Next Meeting: It was noted that the next meeting of the EDA will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 7 p.m., Jordan City Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Wolf, seconded by Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator