

**Joint Powers Board Meeting
April 15, 2014 at 6:00pm
Carlton Civic Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Bureau. Members present: Kitty O' Hara Bureau, Randy Willie, Derek Wolf, Ken Witte, LeAnn Theisen, Melissa Soukkala Recording Secretary: Tracey Hartung. Members Absent: None

A Motion was made by Witte and seconded by Wolf approve the minutes from 3-18-2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Bureau updated the board on conversations with Carlton County EDA Connie Christianson and was surprised to learn that a grant is in process for infrastructure regarding the further development proposed by Carlton County. The timeframe and details of the grant were not available, but direction was given by board to request Christianson to attend a future meeting. Christianson also offered to facilitate a meeting with the RBC EDA to begin conversations and to make them aware of the progress being made. Bureau will also make that request and attend a meeting. Maps of the proposed Carlton County development were shared and costs for each phase of the project were reviewed.

Wolf updated the board on MDH and PFA State Revolving Fund Loan programs and indicated that this option would not be available to the JPB.

Witte inquired regarding MN DOT and if they could provide some support financially. Willie indicated that in past conversation that would not be an option but MN DOT would certainly be a consumer.

Willie shared that Twin Lakes Township had formed a TIF District in the fall of 2013 in preparation for future growth in the described area. This type of funding may attract future developers and provide incentive for others to commit and support this project.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Carlton Civic Center.

A Motion was made by Thiesen and seconded by Witte to adjourn, the time being 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tracey Hartung