

SDC Board Meeting & Citizens Advisory Review Committee

DATE: March 9th, 2011 (approved 03/30/11)

LOCATION: Homestead Bank

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)*
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Jeff Schmidt
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek
Gil Wigington

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier

Guests

Jim McGowen

CARC Members*

Larry Karel
Lonnie Kitt
Jerry Karnatz
Charlie Heavican

Mission Statement: *To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.*

7:00 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (02-16-10) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Jim McGowen, Utilities Department Superintendent, stated planning for a new substation/transformer is progressing. Tentative location is on the northwest corner of the Frontier Cooperative property (16th Street & Road 10). Anticipate completion of electricity substation in spring 2012.
- LB 840 revenue was up in the first quarter + \$2,029 (+4.0%) compared to Oct.– Dec. 2010. Sales Tax Revenue was up +\$4,613 (+4.7%) for the same time period.
- Municipal services question posed to four Economic Development Professionals; their four responses to '**competitively prepared**' question distributed to Directors as an economic development guide.
- Directors agreed to move forward with the proposed Schuyler Industrial Park and proceed with the 'Planning, Design & Funding Phase'. Will be requesting a letter of support from the City of Schuyler for the Industrial Park project.
- LB 388 (Site and Building Development Act), was discussed. If approved by the legislature, funding of LB 388 presents a possible source of revenue to help with the development of the Industrial Park. Timely completion of all due diligence as prescribed by DED will be paramount if Schuyler is to be prepared to compete successfully with other communities for the limited LB 388 dollars. DED would administer the funds generated by passage of said Act.
- After considerable discussion, Directors recommended approval by the City Council of an \$8,500 LB 840 expenditure for a sanitary sewer service system evaluation study (JEO Consulting Group). Steve voice strong interest in domestic sanitary sewer service for Cargill. Estimates a 25-30% daily reduction by the reuse of ground water if domestic sanitary sewer service would be extended to Schuyler's Cargill plant. Currently, daily usage is approximately 2 million gallons. Jim spoke to the value of the information produced by the study.
- Due to time constraint, action on the 2011-2012 Schuyler Housing Production Program was postponed until the March 30th SDC Board Meeting.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Schuyler's population is 6,212 (2010 Census)
 - Quarterly Community Forum is March 10th

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 30th, 2011 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital