

- **Private Industrial Land** – updates – Project Apollo: No information on former site selector replies, and project Apollo had infrastructure needs beyond what People’s Energy Coop or the city could provide.
- **Cathy shared both LOIS a software feed the State used to share local available land and sites data will be enhanced, the add-ons to the subscription are Lasso (data collection software), and REsimplifi (commercial real estate data provider) Cathy has been in webinars to gain a better understanding of each software program.**

10. New Business

- **Highway Beautification grant for housing phase 3 – new request for recommendation to Council:** *Motion by John Pittenger to proceed with the next phase and pass the recommendation to proceed onto the council with a city resolution of their review for potential approval, motion seconded by Terry Potter, motion carried 5/0.*
- **Meeting and grant written for Farmer Market - \$600 & \$1,000:** A \$600 grant donation from Foresight Bank to be accepted by the city at the council meeting was approved. Marc has about 4 additional weeks of sponsored music as a result of the donation. A \$1,000 grant request from Compeer to assist the Farmers Market is pending. The EDA is assisting with grant writing.
- **Information items, CEDS plan, Intake form Community Benefits Plan/Multi Area:** Cathy shared communications with People’s Energy regarding a multi--community application for preparedness for community benefits, the University of MN would assist with the plan. Byron has proposed to take the lead with the multi-area plan.

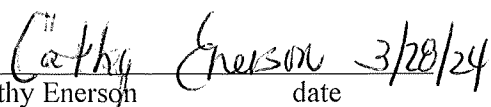
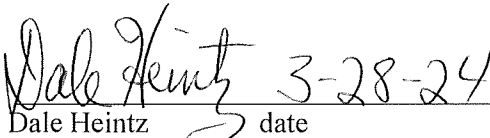
Other:

- **Wes Bussel shared the history of the EDA working on trail development from Rochester to Chester with plans to expand from Chester to Eyota. He mentioned the capacity, Wes, and St. Mane who worked tremendously hard for years on the development of the trails are both in need of succession to keep the project moving forward. Continuing with trail development will be added to the next EDA agenda.**
- **Cathy included informational materials from Compeer Financial about funding Compeer can provide for local projects, and Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundations’ Paint the Town grant program.**
- **The board signed annual conflict of interest forms. Cathy will catch up with Jason and Tammara to complete the task.**

Next Meeting: March 28, 2024 – no change

Adjourn: *Time: 6:25pm, motion by Brian Halvorson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Pittenger, and with no further discussion the meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

 Cathy Enerson EDA Director	3/28/24 date	 Dale Heintz EDA Chair	3-28-24 date
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