

Eyota Economic Development Authority Special Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Eyota

All Members Present

Guests: Brenda and Eric Bennett

Dale Heintz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Revolving Loan Fund Application

Dale Heintz introduced the guests. Board members introduced themselves. Several board members had met the applicants at the community meetings.

Enerson went over the items in the board packet of information the EDA board was sent to review. There was a questions about meeting the 1:1 collateral position when the applicant is putting \$125,000 down, Enerson informed the board the applicant must be at or above a 1:1 collateral position, at this time the appraisal has been ordered but has not come back. The applicant meets the EDA's check list of items, with pending items to include: receiving the appraisal to identify the required 1:1 collateral position, an environmental study report that satisfies the Bank, and clear title work to close. The agreement calls for a phase one environmental test to be done to ensure a safe transfer of the gas pumps and tanks. A pre-approval letter from Foresight Bank was in the board packet.

Bennett's shared information about themselves the summary that was in the board packet. They have a total of 68 years in the grocery business, Eric 35 years, and Brenda 33 years. Eric worked in the Eyota Market this summer as a consultant he is very aware of what changes and training that can be done. There are things that he plans to change, the board was receptive of the changes and identified the changes as good for the community. Bennet's run programs and promotions to build community. Fresh cut meet without regrind on the shelf is important to them. They plan to settle into the grocery business prior to any expansion projects. They feel there is room and need to expand, add new products and services. The board asked if the Bennett's would like a community group to explore community funding, Eric stated that could backfire he would like to treat the entire community members fairly as well as treat his suppliers fairly.

The board thanked the Bennett's for coming to the meeting in person to share their experience in the business, their ideas for the future of the store, and for the community.

Motion by Tom Aleshire for the EDA to use revolving loan fund 221 to fund in the amount of \$10,000, with 2% interest, amortized over 10 years to loan Eric and Brenda Bennett revolving loan funds pending collateral position of 1:1 and all documents for closing at the Bank are in order, motion was seconded by Craig Horan, and motion carried unanimously 7/0.

