

October 29, 2024, 4:00pm

Cook County EDA Meeting Minutes

CC EDA Office

Present: Stephen Surbaugh, Howard Hedstrom, Myron Bursheim, Peter Clissold, Dave Mills, Mark Shackleton, Tracy Benson, Pat Campanaro

Agenda:

1. EDA Director Candidates

There were 14 candidates with 4 initial interviews. Two finalists completed a 2nd interview. The hiring committee has selected a candidate. The board approved Peter Clissold to negotiate an offer. Terms have been established for him to follow. The offer will include a benefits package coordinated through Cook County.

2. Superior National CC County Comm Meeting Nov. 12

Mike Larson and Howard Hedstrom will present to the county commissioners at their November 12th meeting. Along with the golf course report already provided to the Commissioners, they will provide a sale process summary (as directed by legal counsel), outstanding large debt balances and their suggested next steps to pursue a sale. These same materials will be shared with the Lutsen and Tofte Townships boards. Tracy Benson will share this same information with Grand Marais City Council.

3. CC Historical Society Business Park Lot

The CC Historical Society no longer intends to pursue building construction on their lot in the business park. After design work, it is determined cost prohibitive for the them. As such, they would like to sell their business park lot. They have owned the property for approximately 5 years. They have spoken with a potential buyer who has economic intend appropriate within the business park. The county tax assessed market value is \$48K. The discussion topic was to clarify if they could sell for a profit. The board agreed that was appropriate considering the length of time since purchase.

4. November 19th EDA Meeting

The board will hold its November meeting as scheduled. Anticipate an introductory meeting with the new director hire. Pat Campanaro will post the meeting.