

Harmony EDA Minutes

February 23, 2016
1:30 PM

Council Room
Community Center

Present: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, Deb Swenson, Andy Batstone, and Kerry Kingsley

Also Present: Representative Greg Davids, Greg Schieber, Vicky Tribon, Jerome Illg, and Chris Giesen

The special meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Chris Skaalen.

Consider Purchase of Real Estate for Trail Extension

City Attorney Greg Schieber presented a purchase agreement for the purchase of real estate from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hansen for the purpose of completing the trail extension corridor. Schieber said that he and the trail committee crafted the purchase price and terms of the purchase agreement which he then discussed with the buyers. He reported that they were agreeable to the trail committee's proposed price and other terms of the transaction. Schieber went on to explain that the price was determined by the average of recent comparable sales, adjusted for the acreage purchase, plus the customary transaction fees. The board discussed and thanked Schieber and Vicky Tribon for their hard work on assembling this project. Motion by Donney, second by Kingsley to approve the purchase agreement in the amount of \$5,320 plus the customary transaction fees, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

State Bonding Request

Representative Greg Davids joined the meeting in person and Senator Jeremy Miller joined by conference call to discuss the board's request for \$1.5 million in state bonding to acquire and build the trail extension to Iowa and Niagara Cave. They explained that while there are many factors that play into the ultimate outcome of such requests, they would support the board's request and author legislation. The board discussed the issue with Mr. Davids and Mr. Miller at length and thanked them for their support and help.

Donney left the meeting at 2:57 PM.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Skaalen adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.