

Harmony EDA Minutes

January 2nd, 2025
7:30 AM

Community Center
Council Room

Present: Kerry Kingsley, Steve Donney, Greg Schieber, Michael Himlie, and Stuart Morem

Also Present: Erica Thilges, Alissa Stelpflug, James Hanke

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Kerry Kingsley.

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 5, 2024 meeting. Motion by Himlie, second by Morem to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Niagara Builders Industrial Park - Update

Not assessment needed for 2nd Street due to that already being covered in the price. Not putting bathroom in the office anymore. If plans change then that will be cutting the building price down. He has the option to present to the assessor again if the price goes down. No vote at this time.

Industrial Park Prices

Discussion on industrial park referencing the memo in the agenda packet. Lot price change options discussed. No vote at this time.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Erica Thilges was present to give the chamber report. Breakfast with Santa went well. Bank only had 10 books left and felt they had a great turnout. The lighting ceremony went well. Holidays in Harmony was very cold the crowd was down from previous years. Harmony Spirits is in the schedule. 2025 Marketing Plan and Guidebook is being prepared. No financial report due to Quickbook trouble.

Prospects/Community Update

James Hanke from CEDA spoke. Meghan will no longer be coming to Harmony due to a change of hours. CEDA recently overwent a reorganization over the last few months, which includes regions and regional supervisors. Harmony is in Region 1 and will have Chris Hahn supervising the region's employees. James proposed having Lorena Reichert take over the contract in Harmony. Lorena currently works in St. Charles and Houston County for CEDA. She has experience in economic development with her work at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. James will talk to the leadership team at CEDA and discuss adjusting the price of the current contract. There will be a special meeting next week to meet Lorena and discuss the financial adjustment.

There was no other business.

Hearing no objections, Kingsley adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 AM.

A special meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2025 at 7:30 AM at the Community Center.