UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
October 28, 2010
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Darling, Jan McGovern, Leigh Rekow, Leon Griebenow, Larry Gibbs, Ray Whalen, Les Askelson, Randy Keehner, Mike Kennedy, Randy Uhl, Paul Ryan, Kathy Campbell, Roger Thomas, Karla Organist, Jerry Freund, Charles Frana, Duane Brandt, Barbara Ettleson, Warren Steffen, Darla Kelchen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Wenthe, Mark Bohle, Kay Zimmerman, Elise Bergan

OTHERS PRESENT: Aaron Burkes, Mary Jungblut, Ardie Kuhse, Lisa Lensing, Fern Rissman, Larry Leliefeld, Lori Brockway, Kris Timp, Heather Delaney, Thomas Wolle, Paula Enyart, Jason Meyer, Paul Foxwell, Karen Schutte, Dave Schutte, Robert Reierson, Bev Bacon, Marge Schroeder, Gwen Rekow, Janell Bradley, Anne Loomis, Sharon Drahn, Nadine Kruse, David Schultz, Aaron Goldsmith, Rev. Gary Catterson, Charles Kelly, Gary DeVilbiss, Robert Schultz, Jack Sweeney, Stanley Straate, Cindy Berns, David Day

Chair Jan McGovern called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the Regional Planning Commission office, Postville, Iowa. Introductions were made of those present.

A motion was made by Askelson/Brandt to approve the revised agenda. On a roll call vote, those voting yes: Kelchen, Campbell, Whalen, Steffen, Frana, Ryan, Brandt, Uhl, Organist, Askelson, Griebenow, Ettleson, Darling, Freund, Kennedy. Voting no: Thomas, Rekow. Motion passed 15-2.

Randy Keehner and Larry Gibbs entered the meeting.

A motion was made by Griebenow/Ettleson to approve the September 23, 2010 minutes and revised minutes. On a roll call vote, those voting yes: Keehner, Gibbs, Thomas, Kelchen, Campbell, Whalen, Steffen, Frana, Ryan, Brandt, Uhl, Organist, Askelson, Griebenow, Ettleson, Darling, Freund, Kennedy. Voting no: Rekow. Motion passed 18-1.

Next item on the agenda was possible closed session to discuss strategies with counsel in matters that are in litigation. No motion was made to go into closed session.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and vote regarding approval of contract to purchase office building in Decorah. Chair McGovern stated that 20 minutes would be allowed for the public to address the Board. Those speaking were Paul Foxwell, Aaron Goldsmith, David Schultz and Tony Gericke.

Forty minutes were then allowed for Board discussion. Information on the Bruening proposal was distributed, as well as the REC building in Postville and the old pharmacy building in Postville. Dean Darling pointed out that the Commission Board gave the Tiger Team direction

to look at properties and make a recommendation to the Board, which they did by recommending the Bruening building. After much discussion, a motion was made by Griebenow/Steffen to table the decision to vote on a contract, and that each member of the Commission be made part of the Tiger Team. Discussion followed. On a roll call vote, those voting yes: Keehner, Gibbs, Thomas, Rekow, Kelchen, Campbell, Steffen, Frana, Ryan, Brandt, Organist, Griebenow, Ettleson. Voting no: Whalen, Uhl, Askelson, Darling, Freund, Kennedy. Motion passed 13-6.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Ettleson/Gibbs to move that by November 15, 2010 all potential buildings for rent, lease or ownership and partners be submitted to the Tiger Team for comparative analysis vs. established and published criteria of what the building and purchase requirements are for new Upper Explorerland move, with final decision made by November 30, 2010. On a roll call vote, those voting yes: Keehner, Gibbs, Thomas, Rekow, Kelchen, Campbell, Whalen, Steffen, Frana, Ryan, Brandt, Uhl, Organist, Askelson, Griebenow, Ettleson, Freund, Kennedy. Voting no: Darling. Motion passed 18-1.

Some criteria discussed for purchase were: timely occupancy, looking for a building for staff for 10-15 years, most advantageous economically.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ryan/Steffen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any errors or omissions.

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Mary Jungblut, Secretary