MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY March 27, 2019

Present: Kjell Erlandsson, Bill Streeter, Marla Wishau, Dave Gobis, Jeremy Hinds, Jim Dobbs, Fran Martin Also Present: Martha Hutsick – CDABA; Adam Rogan – Journal Times

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Bill Streeter at 5:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall meeting room.
- 2. Motion made to approve minutes from February 20 CDA meeting by Kjell, second by Dave Gobis. Motion carried.
- 3. From Martha Hutsick reporting on the Caledonia Douglas Avenue Business Association: We have been working on trying to get the State DOT to set a date for the community meeting prior to the Highway 32 construction/resurfacing project which is set to commence on May 1, 2019. Several e-mails and phone calls have been made to DOT officials to set a date. Our CDABA officers would like our Village President, Jim Dobbs, to contact state officials.

With the spring season coming, we will be promoting the sale of two additional flower pots along our Douglas Avenue Corridor

4. Tom Christensen contacted WE Energies regarding possible placement of Caledonia Welcomes You sign on their property at County Line Road and Douglas Avenue, on the Southwest corner. WE Energies is considering the idea and Tom will follow up.

Concerns were raised about the possibility of a permanent limited easement from WE Energies so the village would be able to access the sign for maintenance.

We will continue to reach out to Payne and Dolan regarding the Charles and 3 Mile Road intersection and possible placement of a Caledonia Welcomes You sign at that location. We will also continue to work with Payne and Dolan and possibly the CDABA for improvement ideas on the northwest corner of Douglas and 3 Mile.

5. Jim Dobbs announced a new Planner/Code Administration staff member has been hired and will start on April 30. This is great news for the blight ordinance, as he has experience with the process and the creation of enforceable ordinances. Jim thinks the best way to get the blight issue moving is to go directly to the board to address the problems, limitations of our current ordinances and long term financing for blight enforcement.

Lee said we should take a minute to read the Cudahy blight ordinances and give special attention to their detailed descriptions of what is considered a blight issue. The best ordinances are very specific according to those enforcing blight ordinances.

6. New projects: Jim Dobbs wanted to follow up with the Caledonia Zip Code idea. Recalling the last work done on the zip project, we thought Tom Christensen was working on it and left it that anyone could write Caledonia instead of Racine, and the mail would be delivered correctly, but nothing else would change. Jim will talk with Tom C on this.

Another project would be to review the SEWRPC 2050 plans regarding land use. Everyone agreed. The committee would like to invite a SEWRPC member to attend our July meeting to discuss.

7. Motion made to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. by Fran Martin. Seconded by Marla Wishau

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau