Resolution No. RES-2014-029

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEAR LAKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHERBURNE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statues Section 469.1082 authorizes a County to form a county economic development authority if the County receives a recommendation to do so from a committee formed, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 469.1082, Subdivision 2, to recommend options for a county economic development service provider.

WHEREAS, the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners has determined that the commitment to economic development and redevelopment in Sherburne County (the "County") is vital to the orderly development of the County, contributes to continued growth and diversification of the tax base, increases employment opportunities, and is in the best interests of the health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of the citizens of Sherburne County.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2006, the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution Number 041106-AD-1089, which created a committee, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 469.1082, Subdivision 2, to explore and recommend the type of entity appropriate to serve as the Sherburne County economic development service provider.

WHEREAS, the County Board, pursuant to the aforementioned Resolution, created the Sherburne County Economic Development Structure Task Force ("Task Force").

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented its findings and recommendations to the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners in a written report entitled *Report to the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners From the Economic Development Structure Task Force* (the "Report").

WHEREAS, the Task Force, in its Report, concluded that an Economic Development Authority ("EDA") is the most effective and efficient structure to provide the necessary economic development support for Sherburne County.

WHEREAS, the report further concluded that it is not the County's desire to duplicate the efforts of its member Cities and Townships, but rather to utilize tools that will assist the local governing authorities to continue their economic development efforts.

WHEREAS, in response to the Task Force's Report, the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners established the Sherburne County EDA.

WHEREAS, the EDA's bylaws provide that it is the County Board's intent that the EDA serve to complement the services provided in Cities and Townships by collaborating and coordinating with local partners and expanding and enhancing existing services as appropriate.

WHERREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 469.1082, Subdivision 5, the area of operation of the Sherburne County EDA includes all cities and townships within the County that have adopted resolutions electing to participate.

WHEREAS, Clear Lake Township supports the County's goals of expanding and diversifying the tax base and increasing employment opportunities within the County and the Township, in a manner that collaborates with the Township and supports the Township's development priorities.

WHEREAS, electing to participate in the Sherburne County EDA will serve the best interest of the Township by encouraging and facilitating necessary economic development opportunities within the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clear Lake Township Board of Supervisors approves Clear Lake Township supporting and participating in the Sherburne County Economic Development Authority.

Mary Kay Mathison Notary Public Minnesota Connission Expires January 31, 2015

Approved this ____16th_____ day of __September_, 2014.

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BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Town Chairperson

ATTEST:

Mary Mathison

Town Clerk