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Chamber ambassadors Joe Truman, Jake Piekarski and Austin Schaff don lederhosen and greet folks at the front entrance of the VFW Friday.

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest event Friday drew many to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948.

Chamber President Faye Whitbeck said the event had 90-100 attendees, and the traditional Oktoberfest outfits worn by chamber ambassadors were a big hit.

"This was new this year and drew a lot of attention from the crowd," Whitbeck said. "We're thinking these great costumes are calling for perhaps a 'Best Oktoberfest Costume' next year"

The business support for the event was "amazing," Whitbeck said, and the raffle proceeds exceeded last year's. However, with the warm weather drawing people out to their hunting shacks, she said they'd consider an earlier date for next year's event.

"Next year, we'll probably



Jamie Conat and RaeAnne Conat pose in their German dirndl-skirted Oktoberfest attire.

pick an October date a little earlier in the month to precede 'shack fever' a little bit," Whitbeck said. "Also, we would likely set up more tables in the music area."

Regardless, Whitbeck said the feedback she got from attendees was positive, and much fun was had by all who were there.

"Folks loved the décor,

music and the home-cooked food," Whitbeck said. "The Chamber is so appreciative of all those who get in Oktoberfest mood and come out for this event."

Falls EDA plans for multimodal meeting

BY SPENSER BICKETT Staff Writer

The International Falls Economic Development Authority Monday set a date for an upcoming special meeting, which is expected to be closed to the public to allow officials to meet with a potential developer of the multimodal district.

EDA Director Shawn Mason said EDA officials have been working with a developer for the multimodal district, and the time has come to discuss the price for the parcel of land in which the developer is interested.

The special meeting is 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, Mason said, as that's the date that works for the developer. The meeting will be called to order and then likely closed to the public, which is allowable under Minnesota law.

According to 2014 Minnesota statute 13D.05, a meeting may be closed "to determine the asking price for real or personal property to be sold by the government entity." It may also be closed "to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property."

EDA Member Bob Anderson asked if there would be a developer's agreement at the meeting, and Mason replied there is a draft developer's agreement which needs some changes before it can be released, but it is her intent to have one at the meeting.

"He will have a developer's agreement, because he did send me one already," Mason said.

The developer is looking at creating jobs with the project, Mason said, so he's looking for a certain price for the land in exchange for the jobs it will create. Mason told The Journal Tuesday the proposed project has a "small and efficient foot print, and will require approximately three acres to begin operations."

"He's asking for a certain price for the land in exchange for job creation," Mason said. "So that would be in the developer's agreement."

Anderson also asked to have the information on what has been invested in the property be available for the meeting, which would help the EDA determine a price. Mason said she would have that information ready for him.

There was discussion about a potential housing study, and how



Bob Anderson



Shawn Mason

ACLT: Some loggers, truckers halt delivery to Boise

Action taken to demonstrate the ability to influence production, wood flow

BY LAUREL BEAGER Editor

In what is being called a "reverse demonstration and silent protest," many loggers and truckers will not deliver wood to the Boise Paper, a Packaging Corporation of America, mill in International Falls Thursday and Friday.

"Boise declined to negotiate an adequate adjustment in the price paid to loggers for delivered wood," said a statement from Dane Scott, executive director of the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota.

"This refusal comes the same week that Boise's parent company, Packaging Corporation of America, announced the eighth consecutive quarter of record earnings."

Lori Lyman, Boise Paper public affairs manager, said she had no comment on the plan for a two-day wood delivery interruption by some truckers and loggers.

Scott said in the statement the interruption in delivery is necessary to demonstrate that, through solidarity, the loggers and truckers have the ability to influence the production and flow of timber to the mill.

"Loggers and truckers cannot afford to go into another winter harvest season without a serious wood rate increase," he said in the statement.

The loggers and truckers welcome the opportunity to resolve the issue through a mutually beneficial and equitable agreement, Scott said.

"They have no other option based on Boise's 'take it or leave it' position and are therefore forced to suspend wood deliveries to Boise for these days," Scott wrote in the release. "Future wood delivery interruptions will be considered as and if neces-

sary."

Scott said loggers and truckers recognize the forest products industry is based on a mutually dependent professional relationship between mills and loggers.

"Loggers and truckers want to support the continued success of Boise – but it can no longer be at the expense of loggers and truckers," he wrote.

Generations of loggers and truckers have harvested and hauled wood to the mill in International Falls.

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