



Will Stone and Angel Oeltjenbruns with the sign mounted on a trailer with information for the Gate City Development Addition. The sign will be moved to different high exposure areas weekly.

Industrial park went from dream to reality for GCDA

Patience, perseverance, many meetings, and hours of work have brought the vision of an industrial park for the city of Gary to reality. Gate City Development Association is now able to offer two industrial lots (5.20 and 5.30 acres) and eight residential lots, averaging one acre in size, for sale.

Gate City Development Association was incorporated more than 20 years ago to promote and assist businesses wishing to relocate or start up in Gary. Funding is provided from the City of Gary through a one percent sales tax, Deuel County, grant money, interest from loans, memberships and donations. A revolving loan fund contains assets in excess of \$200,000. These funds have helped start new businesses, relocate businesses to Gary and helped with the expansion of existing businesses. These funds are loaned to businesses and repaid with low rates of interest, thus increasing the funds available to loan out again.

A seven member board of directors oversees the operation of GCDA. The volunteer directors are elected at an annual meeting of the general membership each August.

Contacted by a business inquiring about expanding to Gary some 18 months ago, the board realized that an industrial park was needed. The board began a diligent search for land. The Minnesota

state line, easements on property and Lac Qui Parle Creek limited the scope of land available for development. The group was able to secure 48 acres located on the southeast edge of Gary, along the Minnesota border. The board entered into a purchase agreement. At the present time GCDA owns approximately half of the property which includes 8 residential lots, two industrial lots and three lots not yet zoned. By December 31, 2011, the association will have ownership of the entire 48 acres.

The sale price of the lots reflects costs for public access and bringing utilities up to the lot property lines. Other funding will also be needed to complete this project. Although the board wasn't seeking residential property, they feel it complements the industrial park. Businesses expanding or relocating need employees. Employees need places to live. Parties interested in purchasing any of the lots, or receiving information, pricing, plat maps or donating, may contact the Gary City office at 605-272-5651. They will put interested parties in contact with one of the directors.

Having industrial property available allows Gary to be listed on the Governor's website for economic development, www.sdreadytowork.com. Information can also be seen at www.garysd.com.

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