

# BIDCO Update



"Promoting Economic Growth and Development"

May 2008

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May was a hectic month and frankly I'm glad to be transitioning into June. The good news is that the web project is nearly finished. The bad news is we didn't have time this month to feature a Belmond Business. Sorry for this omission in May, we'll try to pick up the pace in June and get back on track.

The feedback we've received from the annual meeting has been very positive. Thank you for your attention and support of BIDCO for another year. We did receive work from EDP Textile that they will not be relocating to the North Iowa Area. The owner of the business has had a recent illness that has caused the company to stay in the Twin Cities for the time being.

While unfortunate, I'm encourage that Belmond was considered and that this business did not choose another town over Belmond. I'm confident that we had a positive showing with this company and would have been in the running had the decision been made to relocate.

Dan Lovgren

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## KNOW YOUR BIDCO BOARD MEMBERS

My family and I moved to Belmond in November 1999 when I was fortunate enough to be named City Manager/Clerk for the City of Belmond. We were attracted to Belmond because my husband, John Waltzing grew up on a farm northeast of town and graduated in 1972. Also, we looked at the opportunity we were given to get our children, Scott and Sarah, into a school system where they would be able to participate in many different activities.

Belmond is really unique in that it offers so many services, hosts so many events and never seems to be without excitement. I am asked quite often by my counterparts in north Iowa how we do so much and get so many people to volunteer. We do have a lot to be proud of in Belmond.



Lee Ann Waltzing

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## Web Project Status

The Web project is about 2 weeks from completion and it is looking great. Once completed we'll be sending out notification to the community via this newsletter, the city sign on Hwy 69, and also through the Belmond Independent. The scary thing about updating your web site is you then need to keep it current and make continuous improvements.

My goal is to add photos each time the town has a special event happen throughout the year and add recreation items whenever possible. As always I'm interested to see your photos of anything that will promote Belmond to someone looking at the site. So far we've received a few photo submissions but we can always use more. If there is something you enjoy doing in town or in the surrounding area please send me your pictures and a description of the activity. I know the local hunters must have photos but I haven't received anything yet. How about camping, fishing, golf, running, biking...other?