

## EDA Meeting Minutes



**Regular Meeting**  
**Thurs. Jan. 19, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Flr. Bd. Rm.**  
**Detroit Lakes, MN**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Barry Nelson
<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Regular Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	Larry Knutson, Barry Nelson, Abby Anderson, Chris Sherman, Hank Ludtke
<b>Board members absent:</b>	
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Laura McKnight, Mary Hendrickson, Guy Fischer

### Agenda Topics

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Barry Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ludtke –motion carried.
3. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes (12/15):** motion to approve by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abby - motion carried.
4. **EDA Bd. Vacancies:** Discussion of New Appointments, request for staff to post on bulletin board and online on the County website.
5. **Housing:**
  - **Review Financial Statements & Approve Paying Bills:** Some pending adjustments to FS
  - From Check Register/Invoices Presented: Workshop \$2,466.55, Hwy 34 Group Home \$1,501.61, Low Income Public Housing \$12,152.68, Willow Property \$463.53, Maple Ave. Apts. \$5,070.75, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$1,791.27, and Section 8 Voucher \$19,731.84. Motion to approve financial statements and paying bills, motion by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherman - motion carried.
6. **MCIT (EDA insurance) Payment:** motion to approve payment of \$2,219 to MCIT for EDA insurance for 2017, motion Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ludtke – motion carried.
7. **Economic Development:**
  - **Broadband:** Discussion about applying for Blandin Foundation grant (Robust Network Feasibility Fund – RNFF). Up to \$25,000 grant available – requires 1:1 cash match. Interest by EDA to contact Arvig and have them attend next EDA meeting to discuss future plans/projects for Becker County. Motion to approve starting the process for applying for Blandin’s RNFF grant, motion by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherman.
  - **Former Gary’s Furniture:** contract signed; waiting to start removal of asbestos project when the temperatures are warmer (Spring).
  - **Business Update:** Malting operation/mtg. with DEED rep.; Bowling Alley Relocation; Karvonen expansion to Lake Park.
  - **Economic Development Summit:** motion to approve supporting event as sponsor for \$225, motion by Abby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson – motion carried.
  - **Becker County Soil and Water** – some discussion about grant (\$14,500) which may be applicable for use for a lake access (design/run-off issue).
  - **MN Housing Partnership’s Housing Institute Program:** 3 teams Crookston, Ortonville, Detroit Lakes to begin meeting in March (more than likely in DL). Teams will meet quarterly (5/6 times over a period of a year/year ½) to discuss Housing strategies/initiatives with the aim of implementation. DL team includes: Marsha Otte

(Mahube), Laura McKnight (MMCDC), Kari Holmstrom (DL HRA), Denise Anderson (Frazee), Karen Crabtree (Essentia), Carrie Johnston (Chamber), and Guy Fischer (County).

- **Audubon Wind Turbine Update** – still scheduled for June construction.
  - **Shell Lake Block, Mountain View, Dunton Locks, Lake Accesses** – discussed briefly, with more detail provided for 3 items (underlined) at the upcoming RAC mtg. on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - **Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative:** \$1 M in funding being offered to Counties to improve Courthouse Security. 1:1 match required. Proposals due end of March.
8. **Open Forum:** MURL program cancellation for property in Ogema. Public Housing in Callaway open first of February; some \$ will be needed to rehab property before it can be released.
9. **Adjourn:** Barry Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer  
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Barry Nelson  
EDA Board President