

## EDA Meeting Minutes



**Regular Meeting  
Thurs., March. 29, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
County Bd. Rm., 1st Flr.**

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

### Agenda Topics

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Chris Sherman called the regular meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Add Dunton Locks Fishing Pier to Agenda under Economic Development; motion to approve agenda by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knutson by –motion carried.
3. **Approval Feb. Meeting Minutes:** motion to approve MM by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ludtke - motion carried.
4. **Housing:**
  - **Review financials and approve paying bills**
    - From Check Register/Invoices Presented: Workshop \$1,184.60, Hwy 34 Group Home \$100.00, Low Income Public Housing \$5,178.72, Willow Property \$2,971.03, Maple Ave. Apts. \$3,385.81, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$6,653.50, and Section 8 Voucher \$14,173.00. Note: Motion to approve financial statements by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson, motion carried.
  - Related Discussion per review of bills/financials:**
    - Increase vouchers by adding 9, bringing total up to 60.
    - Discussion about replacing forklift at (workshop); look to use propane (cleaner than the gas one); where will \$ come from – look into this further.
  - **West River Townhomes Discussion** – Need to change tenant selection document: criminal background history, best practices for selecting and retention, Becker County residents get preference. Changes to MOU with Mahube regarding WRT. Monthly inspections being conducted seems to be making a difference. Motion to support Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nelson; motion carried.
5. **Economic Development**
  - Dunton Locks Fishing Pier; motion to approve EDA Resolution 03-29-18 per state DNR grant application requesting grant funds for development of a fishing pier at Dunton Locks.
  - Broadband – staff setting up meeting for core group to meet with vendors to discuss broadband in Becker County. Interest in looking out 5-10 years and seeing what their plans are.
  - **Opportunity Zones:** Still waiting to hear back from the Feds regarding tract choices.

- Housing Instit.: Discussion of Employer Assisted Housing Program; AMI Limits – who the program will be geared to; potential participation by EDA and other partners (Essentia, City of Detroit Lakes, etc.,).
  - Wind/Solar Hybrid Project; project in Red Lake Falls continues to move forward PPA for 20 years with OTP needs to be agreed upon but both parties are close; developer to raise PPA issue with OTP regarding Audubon.
  - Osage Mkt., nothing to report yet; still waiting for word on the bank loan.
  - Museum; helped Becky develop bonding request; \$6.3 Million; \$1.9M needs to be raised; \$3M being requested from the legislature; anticipate it's a tough sell for this session.
  - Childcare: interest in addressing Childcare shortages in Becker County; EDA interested in being a partner; look to cities throughout county to partner.
6. EDA Terms/Vacancies/quorum change: Abby to be reappointed, Larry was reappointed at the January 2018 County Board meeting; no quorum change at this time.
  7. Audit – audit is underway; CLA staff coming to courthouse next week.
  8. Balance Sheet – Budget to Actual; Bonded Indebtedness Report (not available); general discussion about budget report, budget to actual and types of debt; forgivable debt;
  9. Open Forum: N/A
  10. **Adjourn:** Chris Sherman adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer  
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Barry Nelson  
EDA Board President