

EDA Meeting Minutes



**Regular Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 15, 2018
3:00 p.m.
County Bd. Rm., 1st Flr.**

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

Agenda Topics

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Hank Ludtke called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** No Change
3. **Approval June Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve MM by Knutson, 2nd by Anderson - motion carried.
4. **Housing/Economic Development:**
 - **Review financials and approve paying bills**
 - From Check Register/Invoices Presented: Workshop \$1,030.43, Hwy 34 Group Home \$0.00, Low Income Public Housing \$11,041,87, Willow Property \$535.60, Maple Ave. Apts. \$5,281.40, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$9,265.19, and Section 8 Voucher \$16,081.00. Note: Motion to approve financial statements/pay bills by Knutson, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
 - WRT Update; staff contacted Carla Solem (regional continuum of care coordinator)– she is setting up meeting to include Mahube to discuss current data and efforts to improve outcomes at West River and staff continues to seek more coordinated services on site. Grant programs are coming up soon which could be utilized to address gaps so best to discuss issues and opportunities now.
 - Discussion of Jan Logan’s proposed “Jeremiah project” (18 unit development) which seeks to transition women (and their children) who continue to need assistance and supports (beyond what the Crisis Center can provide) with housing/health care/education to successfully transition beyond the cycle of violence/dependency that brings them into the crisis center.
 - Community Land Trust – when will the process start to explore development of a CLT? Kelli Winter with West Central MN Community Action is seeking MN Housing Partnership funding to hire a consultant to help gather community support and hold partner meetings. Should know soon 1-2 weeks if the funding will be made available.
 - Broadband – Staff attended workshop/charrette in Brainerd; discussion on what other communities were doing; county ranking change from last year; At 25 mbps down and 3 up (goal

by 2022) we are at 88.94% served in the County (in 2017 it was 69.41%); At 100 mbps down and 20 up (goal by 2026) we are at 12.95% (roughly double where we were at last year: 6.58% in 2017). Staff seeking to share survey results with local vendors as a prelude to further discussion.

5. Balance Sheet Review
6. EDA Board Open Forum: Lake Eunice access; land purchase being explored – anticipated value at approx. \$200,000; direction to go after grant funding for this project.
7. Hank Ludtke adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board Vice President