

**EDA Meeting Minutes**



**Regular Meeting  
Thurs, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
3:00 p.m.  
Mtg. Rm., 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr.**

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

**Agenda Topics**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chris Sherman called the Regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Board Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with changes by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson, motion carried.
3. **Approval of November Meeting Minutes (11/21):** Motion to approve Nov. MM by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson, motion carried.
4. **Public Housing Open Hearing (5 yr. Plan) –** Motion to open PH Open Hearing by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson, motion carried. No one came and spoke to the 5 yr. Plan. Motion to close PH by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mulari, motion carried. Motion to approve PH 5 yr. Plan by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson, motion carried.
5. **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:** Motion to approve Financials and Payables by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mulari – motion carried.
  - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented:** Workshop \$393.72, Hwy 34 Group Home \$0.00, Low Income Public Housing \$8,864.91, Willow Property \$604.30, Maple Ave. Apts. \$3,698.27, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$4,013.63, and Section 8 Voucher \$47,204.76.
6. **Bad Debt Write Off –** Motion to write off bad debt (LIPH \$5,432.95, Maple Ave. \$2,442.47, WRT \$6,235.03 = \$14,110.45) by Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson, motion carried.
7. **MURL –**
  - Audubon Property locked per eviction.
  - Two other properties: Callaway property (notice) and Co. Rd. 29 property (moving towards the same situation)
8. **Public Housing (25 properties) –**
  - Possible eviction on Falcon St. in Audubon (not paying rent/not keeping house up).
  - Discussion about selling some of the PH homes, but choices boil down to either keeping them all or selling them all.

9. **Becker County Tourism Discussion** – Leisure and Hospitality Industry, review of some information provided for discussion, explore opportunity/interest for conducting outreach/survey as part of an assessment (no assessment since 2001) to look at an industry in transition: traditional resorts, VRBO's, AirBNB's, marketing, broadband; potential grants available thru West Central Initiative, Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, and Blandin on Broadband - depending on scope. Staff directed to come up with some possible outcomes – why are we doing this? What do we hope to accomplish if we explore this further?
10. **Balance Sheet - Budget to Actual** –
11. **EDA Board Open Forum** – N/A
12. **Adjourn:** Sherman adjourned meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer

EDA Coordinator

/s/ Chris Sherman

EDA Board President