

EDA Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting
Thurs, Jan. 16th, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Mtg. Rm., 3rd Flr.

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

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 Mulari, 2nd by Nelson, motion carried.
3. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve Dec. MM by Anderson, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
4. **MMCDC Contract:** Co. Admin. Mike Brethorst mentioned the sit down with MMCDC which thought a 3% was doable – cash flow request – co. attorney review – MMCDC is reviewing the contract – should be able to bring forward for next EDA meeting.
Refuge resettlement: Co. unemployment rate at 3%; refuge unemployment rate 5%; refugees provided \$1,500-\$1,700 via federal grant program other programs they can tap into ex. SNAP. Ques. about impact on our housing programs and shouldn't affect them – current waiting list is about 100 people waiting for Sec. 8.
5. **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:** Motion to approve Payables by Nelson, 2nd by Knutson – motion carried.
 - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented:** Workshop \$985.37, Hwy 34 Group Home \$396.00, Low Income Public Housing \$5,964.41, Willow Property \$415.13, Maple Ave. Apts. \$7,999.76, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$12,391.24, and Section 8 Voucher \$27,800.76.
6. **MURL –**
 - Audubon Property – coordinating personal property to be picked up.
 - Two other properties: Callaway property (notice); did provide partial payment – being sent back with request that they come in and talk about situation.
 - Co. Rd. 29 property – made last minute payment.
7. **Public Housing (25 properties) –**
 - HUD visit on 1/29; 50% of PH units will be inspected at random. Eviction in Audubon per condition of unit.

8. **Admin Fee Discussion:**
 - Would an increase of these admin fees affect bottom line or ability of the individual programs to continue to do the work that they do? Profit can be used to help with maintenance; increasing rents can also help defer some expenses.
9. **Conveyance of Land Remnant (PH ID# 107018500):** discussion on land remnant (memo and attorney opinion) – no cost for land remnant to be conveyed; Motion to Move forward with process of conveyance of land remnant to the Seaberg’ s contingent on HUD’s approval by Mulari, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried.
10. **Becker County Tourism Discussion** – Leisure and Hospitality Industry; discussion about conducting a resort survey - options, potential partners, and purpose (why are we doing this); no assessment since 2001; Tourism provides \$70 million dollars to local economy; 2nd only to agriculture, some change within resort industry anticipated within the next 5-10 years. Survey will help assess the current state of the resort industry, its local benefit, identify issues and possible solutions to help resorts retain their viability. Important cultural resource for our area. Motion to seek grant funding for survey to look at Resorts in Becker County by Knutson, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
11. **Balance Sheet - Budget to Actual** – approved
12. **EDA Board Open Forum** – N/A
13. **Adjourn:** Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board Vice President