



COUNTY OF BECKER

Economic Development Authority

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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 21st, 2021

3:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room/Via Teams

Becker County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Larry Knutson, Hank Ludtke, Karen Mulari, Richard Vareberg, Sean Felker **ABSENT:** Abby Anderson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Robyn Beck, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson, Mike Brethorst

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Hank Ludtke called the Regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Board Agenda.** Motion by Knutson, 2nd by Vareberg, motion carried.
3. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Vareberg 2nd by Knutson, motion carried.
4. **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:** Motion to approve Paying Bills and Balance Sheet/Financials by Mulari 2nd by Anderson, motion carried;
 - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented:** Workshop \$954.24, Hwy 34 Group Home \$00.00, Low Income Public Housing \$11,234.59; Willow Property \$460.78; Maple Ave. Apts. \$5,411.04, Hidden Hills Group Home \$00.00, West River Townhomes \$9,430.99 and Section 8 Voucher \$20,827.00.
 - **Financials:** motion to pay bills made by Vareberg, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried. Financials tabled till next month.
5. **Housing/Economic Development Update**
 - **Housing Update** – All units are filled; problem with garage door on Ash Ave. in Frazee. Use same realtor for house listing; 2nd house in Frazee has foundation issues (\$55,000 debt); WRT case management briefly referenced; Mahube to receive \$2.5 million grant that could help (further discussion per meeting with MHFA officials)
 - **Special Assessment** – Request Laura to turn check over to City of Audubon.
 - **MURL** – 473 3rd St. Audubon; est. \$25K to fix up – principle balance of \$58,000 – get off MURL books; Board consensus to List property for \$50,000 with Realtor.
 - **West River Update** – Marsha Otte (Mahube) retired.
 - **HOME Program** – review of funders and loans to-date; interest by Board in looking at providing a second round of funding.
 - **CARES Update:** Mike Brethorst Update/overview of most recent CARES grant programs: Modified 2K Round 2; Block Grant and CARES #3.
 - **Frazee Industrial – Housing** – staff mentioned working with MHP (Jill Henrickson, MN Housing Partnership) to develop an RFP for the remaining land at Frazee Industrial; Jill was interested in getting a survey done for the site prior to developing the RFP; Mary wondered if the survey corners and existing measurements could be utilized instead of getting an additional survey done. No action taken on survey; staff to find out if RFP can be developed without survey.
6. **Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet:** Motion to approve by Felker, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried. Roll call.
7. **EDA Board – Open Forum: N/A**
8. **Meeting Adjourned.** Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board President