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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 21st, 2021

3:00 p.m.

**1st Floor Board Room/Via Teams
Becker County Courthouse**

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson

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 January Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve with corrections 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 \$1,477.54, Hwy 34 Group Home \$150.00, Low Income Public Housing \$36,962.79; Willow Property \$2,050.28; Maple Ave. Apts. \$5,471.24, Hidden Hills Group Home \$225.00, West River Townhomes \$13,504.57 and Section 8 Voucher \$21,374.00.
 - **Financials:** motion to approve financials made by Knutson, 2nd by Felker, motion carried. Financials tabled till next month.
5. **Housing/Economic Development Update**
 - **PH – Inquire about Grant Funds:** Need to look at PH improvements; attend webinar to determine what is entailed in applying for grant assistance. \$800,000 requested in 2003.
 - **Workshop:** Look at options – is there a need for the workshop building; asset not being used. Potential tenant was looking at it – had had a fire inspector visit the structure, was looking at some modification, but the pandemic interrupted that process/interest. Do summary of space/put on market. Laura will explore further.
 - **MURL –** one owner having difficulty making payments (Lake Park); discuss options about tenant and house; \$71,000 balance owed. Compliance period no longer in effect. Currently \$144.mo. payment. Renew contract and clean up credit? 2nd Audubon home closing in March. Two contracts due in 2021.
 - **HOME Program –** discussion about where money had come from to fund first \$10,000 to the HOME program came from Small Cities grant reallocation (\$7,200) and from EDA administration (\$2,800). review of funders and loans to-date; interest by Board in looking at providing a second round of funding. Motion to approve \$10,000 in funding towards the HOME Program by Felker, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried.
 - **CARES Update:** Status Update of Grant programs: 2k R1, 2K-R2, Block Grant, CARE Grant and 1K Childcare provider grant was added.
6. **Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet:** Motion to approve by Knutson, 2nd by Vareberg, motion carried. Roll call.
7. **EDA Board – Open Forum: N/A**
8. **Meeting Adjourned.** Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board President