



COUNTY OF BECKER

Economic Development Authority

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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 15th, 2021

3:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room/Via Teams

Becker County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Larry Knutson, Hank Ludtke, Karen Mulari, Sean Felker, Abby Anderson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Robyn Beck, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson, Holiday Inn: Douglas Anselmin, Cindy Kohl, Dan Samson

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 Mulari, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried.
3. **Approval of May Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Felker, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
4. **Business Relief Grant R2 discussion for Hotels/Other Businesses:** Douglas Anselmin provided an overview of Holiday Inn operations during and after the pandemic as well as other grants (PPP/lodging side) that were utilized. Very interested in getting the County to consider providing the additional remaindered stimulus that Holiday Inn as part of the Round 2 discussion. Board comments: lets make sure any additional funds provided are utilized for their intended purpose (Mulari); Look at ARP potential to provide for Business Relief Grant #3- Round 2 (Knutson) Motion to develop amendment to original Business Relief Grant #3 grant application to help determine need and help the Board consider further funding for Business Relief Grant (Round 2). by Mulari, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried. Following Businesses to be considered: Right Choice Lodging, Country Inn and Suites, Quality Inn, Roasted LLC, Detroit Lakes CCC, Detroit Mountain, Best Western/The Lodge, Maplelag, Americas Best Value Inn, and Vision Hospitality;
4. **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:** Motion to approve **May** Bills by Sean, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
 - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented May:** Workshop \$1,076.64, Hwy 34 Group Home \$838.00, Low Income Public Housing \$34,997.08; Willow Property \$4,159.74; Maple Ave. Apts. \$9,248.75, Hidden Hills Group Home \$865.00, West River Townhomes \$13,382.82 and Section 8 Voucher \$22,037.80.
 - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented June:** Motion to approve **June** Bills by Mulari, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried. Workshop \$303.88, Hwy 34 Group Home \$515.35, Low Income Public Housing \$6,547.67; Willow Property \$534.02; Maple Ave. Apts. \$4,843.61, Hidden Hills Group Home \$865.00, West River Townhomes \$4,372.43 and Section 8 Voucher \$20,395.00.
 - **Financials:** Motion to approve Financials by Mulari 2nd by Knutson, motion carried;

5. Housing/Economic Development Update

- **Hwy 34 Group Home** – additional costs per other issues that need to be addressed (mold/flooring) Motion to approve additional expenses up to \$10k by Knutson, 2nd by Karen, motion carried.
- **Capitalization Policy** - Motion to capitalize any expense over \$5,000. Motion by Mulari, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.
- **MURL borrower:** 400 plus days behind in payments Motion to send a cancellation letter after July 31st; motion by Mulari, 2nd by Abby, motion carried.
- **Public Housing;** Motion to send letter of non-renewal of lease. Motion by Mulari, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.
- **107 Maple** – needs extensive repair – may need to relocate tenant during repairs – have conversation with tenant as it would also increase loan amount to fix basement.
- **ARP: Township Update** – process for requesting ARP funds for townships – upcoming workshop;

6. Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet: Motion to approve by Felker, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried.

7. EDA Board – Open Forum: N/A

8. Meeting Adjourned. Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board President