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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 16th, 2021

3:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Becker County Courthouse

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Robyn Beck, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson, Eileen Smith, Kyle Moorhead (HomeTown Fiber)

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 Anderson, motion carried.**
3. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Felker, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried.**
4. **Check Registers/Paying Bills/Financials: Motion to approve August Bills by Anderson, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.** Workshop \$1,664.21, Hwy 34 Group Home \$7,924.24, Low Income Public Housing \$4,691.84; Willow Property \$2,512.37; Maple Ave. Apts. \$6,137.043,984.70, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$15,831,96 and Section 8 Voucher \$20,714.00. Motion to accept Financials by Knutson, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
5. **Economic Development – HomeTown Fiber representatives provided presentation and Q&A. EDA directed staff to revamp HTF proposal/costs associated with focusing on reviewing broadband proposals.**
6. **Housing Update:**
 - **Public Housing:** 473 3rd St. (roofing job); Motion by Mulari, 2nd by Felker to go with low bid of \$7,700.
 - **MURL:** Property on Hwy 21 cancellation of Contract for Deed October 12, 2021, 107 Maple Avenue, Frazee, MN foundation work; one quote received; Motion to get 2nd quote by Mulari, 2nd by Felker.
 - **WRT:** Mahube case management making in person visits again at WRT. 1 eviction; checking on family composition on 3 other units.
7. **ED Continued**
 - A. **Childcare:** Review of childcare strategies/related funding; EDA recommended bringing them forward for board consideration:
 - New Provider Start up Assistance. Up to \$10,000 grant per new start up; and
 - As part of the above strategy a Navigator position is being proposed to facilitate new provider start ups via WCI ECI.

- Child Care Provider Emergency Grants: Funds calculated on a per child basis; per # of FTE and PTE kids; estimate of \$85,000 in 2021 and \$85,000 in 2022.

B. Economic Vitality Videos: Table till next meeting

C. Frazer Industrial: Update on where Frazer is at relative to providing a plan/response about future use of Frazer Industrial if they were to receive the land from Becker County.

8. **Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet**: Motion to approve by Mulari, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried.

- Motion to transfer Funds to Clear, Combine and Balance EDA Accounts by Knutson, 2nd by Mulari, motion carried.
- Motion to look at repayment of funds (\$200,075.00) provided to HRA by EDA by Mulari, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.

9. **EDA Board – Open Forum: N/A**

10. **Meeting Adjourned.** Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke
EDA Board President