



COUNTY OF BECKER

Economic Development Authority

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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2021

3:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Becker County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Larry Knutson, Hank Ludtke, Karen Mulari (Remote – Ph.), Sean Felker, Abby Anderson, Richard Vareberg, Tom KlyveTom Klyve, Richard Vareberg

OTHER ATTENDEES: Robyn Beck, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Tanya HockettTanya Hockett

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 October Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Vareberg, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.
4. **Check Registers/Paying Bills/Financials:** Motion to approve September Bills by Felker, 2nd by Anderson, motion carried. Workshop \$316.77, Hwy 34 Group Home \$11,067.28, Low Income Public Housing \$19,090.54; Willow Property \$737.33; Maple Ave. Apts. \$9,153.01 Hidden Hills Group Home \$1,121.00, West River Townhomes \$6,477.64 and Section 8 Voucher \$19,809. Motion to accept Financials by Knutson, 2nd by Klyve, motion carried.
5. **Housing Update**
 - **PH/WRT:** (WRT) 2 tenants vacating this month. Supportive services discussion/staff.
 - **Payment Standards:** Motion to approve 2021 Payment Standards by Felker, 2nd by Klyve, motion carried
 - **MURL:** seeking to provide 6 mo. deferment of tenant payment per disability.
6. **Economic Development**
 - **Childcare:** Childcare strategies received Board approval (\$270,000 total). Grant applications for both strategies are almost completed; staff directed to bring them to the County Finance Committee for review.
 - **Broadband:** Motion to accept HOMETOWN FIBER proposal to evaluate ISP proposals received by the County for \$13,000 by Klyve, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.
7. **Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet:** Motion to approve by Knutson, 2nd by Vareberg, motion carried.
 - Motion to look at repayment of funds (\$200,075.00) provided to HRA by EDA by Mulari, 2nd by Felker, motion carried.
8. **EDA Board – Open Forum: N/A**

9. **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