



COUNTY OF BECKER

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BECKER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023 (Draft minutes)

3:30 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Becker County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Hank Ludke, Sean Felker, Erica Jepson, Tom Klyve, Abby Anderson, Steve Skoog, Mary Hendrickson, Richard Vareberg, Karen Mulari

OTHER ATTENDEES: Laura McKnight (MMCDC), Pat Oman (Becker County), Julia Nelmark (MMCDC), Heather Hamlin (MMCDC Real Estate Developer), Robyn Beck (MMCDC), Angela Lefebvre (Becker County), Ashley Renollet (Wannagan Park Presenter)

ABSENT: Karen Mulari, Abby Anderson

- 1) 3:30 call regular meeting to order-3:30 p.m. Ludke called to open the public hearing regarding sale of MURL home. Public meeting closed at 3:52 p.m. Ludke opened regular meeting at 3:53 p.m.
- 2) Approval of regular Board Agenda Approved with change proposed to move the Wannagan Park presentation before consent items on agenda. **Motion to approve by Mulari, 2nd by Felker. Motion carried.**
- 3) Approval of Regular Minutes from December EDA/HRA Board Meeting-Correction to MURL update-date should be January 18th (not 19th as minutes state) and notice of public hearing (not to sell). Changes noted. **Motion to approve by Klyve, 2nd by Vareberg. Motion carried.**
- 4) Consent items-Approval needed: Check registers, paying bills, and financials **Motion to reflect on auditor's recommendation to adjust the books in regards to 2 EDA loans from May 2022 by Mulari, 2nd by Anderson. Motion carried. Move to recognize paid bills by Mulari, 2nd by Vareberg. Motion carried.**
- 5) Housing Updates
 - a) Public Housing Budgets-included in board packet.
 - b) Public Housing Updates-Update by Robyn Becker (MMCDC)-74 approved housing vouchers, 56 are active.
 - c) MURL Update
 - d) MURL Home disposal-Legality update-MURL home for sale must be appraised before it can be sold. Board authorizes receiving quotes on appraisal, MMCDC to choose the appraiser and complete the appraisal for the next board meeting. **Motion by Mulari, 2nd by Felker. Opposed by Klyve. Motion carried.**

e) 2023 MCPP Update-Completed.

6) Economic Development

a) EDA Monthly Reports-Budget Sheet and Balance Sheet **Motion to approve reports by Felker, 2nd by Anderson. Motion carried.**

b) Wannagan Park ARPA Request-Ashley Renollet presented the Wannagan Park plan and requested a board recommendation of \$125,000 of ARPA funds towards the plan. Ludke recused himself. **Motion to recommend the plan to the County Board for funds by Klyve, 2nd by Jepson. Motion carried.**

c) ARPA Updates-By Pat Oman (Becker County)-Sheriff drone project has been completed.

d) EDA Inquiry discussion-Request for location-Implement dealer has inquired about purchasing land along US Highway 10. Board discussion on vacant areas which could be suitable.

e) Housing construction update-Documentation provided to show construction in the county overall. Could lead to further discussion at future meetings.

7) Becker County Recreation Project Updates

a) Bucks Mills-Closing on land with DNR. Project moving forward.

b) Dunton Locks Shelter and Tram-Shelter has received a grant and project preparation is underway and should be completed by 2024. Quotes received on Tram repairs.

c) Wannagan Park-ARPA

d) Heartland Trails-Bonding Update-New bonding request from County, a 10% increase from last year. More updates at future meetings.

8) Child Care Grant Application-Updates Childcare foundation wants to set up a grant program and would like \$150,000 to work with. Requested EDA donate \$30,000 as seed money. Board discussion. Ask foundation to report to board what has accomplished and what they see for the future.

9) EDA Board-Open Forum

a) Presentation regarding Wannagan Park and Frazee Community Development

10) Adjournment at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Steve Skoog

Land Use Director

(Acting EDA Coordinator)

/s/ Hank Ludtke

EDA Board President