



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes
March 07, 2022 at 11:45 AM
Hjemkomst Center - Auditorium

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the Hjemkomst Center - Auditorium, on March 07, 2022, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	At Large	Vacant
Board Member:	Ward 4	Vacant
Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Absent
Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Present
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Present
Board Member:	James Hand	Present
Board Member:	Joel Paulsen	Absent
Board Member:	Mike Leeser	Present
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present
Council Member:	Deb White	Present

1. [Call to Order / Roll Call](#)

2. **Agenda Amendments**

3. **Approve Minutes**

A [January 3, 2022](#)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by James Hand

Motion Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 4 – Anderson, Cota, Vacant positions (2)

4. **Citizens Addressing the Board – None**

5. [Commissioners' Reports](#)

Minutes: James Hand, MBA, provided an update for the Moorhead Business Association.

6. [Election of Officers](#)

Minutes: Board members discussed nominations for officers noting that Commissioner Anderson who currently serves as Vice Chair, but who was not present, had indicated that he would be willing to serve as Chair in 2022. Commissioner Solien stated she was also willing to continue in her office as Secretary. Commissioner White nominated Commissioner Cyusa to serve as Vice Chair who stated he would need time to consider the appointment.

Bobbi Solien also volunteered to fill a vacant position on the MCCARA Development Control Board.

Motion to Approve made by James Hand and seconded by Deb White

Approve appointment Nate Anderson as Chair and Roberta Solien as Secretary for the current year. Roberta Solien was also appointed to a position on the MCCARA Development Control Board.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Vacant positions (2)

7. 2021 Annual Development Report - Derrick LaPoint

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided a summary of the 2021 Development report. Board members had detailed discussion.

8. Regional Library and Community Center - Mayor Shelly Carlson

Minutes: Mayor Carlson provided an overview of the overall process for approving a local sales tax to fund a new regional library and community center. She also informed the group about the work of the task force and highlighted opportunities for citizens to be involved. Board members had detailed discussion.

9. Economic Development Incentives Review

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, invited board members to consider serving on a review committee to look at Moorhead' economic development incentives.

10. Economic Development Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, invited board members to attend the upcoming FMWF Chamber event on March 24, 2022, "Midwest Economic Outlook Summit" featuring a presenters Commissioner Steve Grove, MN Employment and Economic Development, and Neel Kashkari, Federal Reserve-Bank of Minneapolis President.

11. Information / Update

12. Adjourn

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Nate Anderson
Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Roberta Solien
Secretary

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator