



**City of Moorhead
Economic Development Authority**

**Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018 at 11:45 AM
1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the 1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall, on February 26, 2018, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Bruce Bekkerus	Present
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Kathy Cochran	Absent
Council Member:	Mari Dailey	Absent
Board Member:	Violet Deilke	Present
Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
Board Member:	Charley Johnson	Present
Board Member:	Wyatt Johnson	Present
Board Member:	Pat Kovash	Present
Board Member:	John Rogalla	Present
Board Member:	Marsha Weber	Absent

Others Present:

Cindy Graffeo, EDA Executive Director
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator

1. Call meeting to Order / Roll Call

2. Agenda Amendments

3. Approve Minutes

A January 22, 2018

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Violet Deilke

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3

4. Citizens Addressing the Board

Minutes: None

5. Commissioners' Reports

Minutes: Rogalla reported that a listening session was held between Center Avenue business owners and MPS regarding reconstruction of Center Avenue. He stated that the preference of owners would be to limit construction to one construction season rather than two, as currently planned.

Deilke reported that Jay's Smoking BBQ opened in the Moorhead Center Mall.

Kovash reported that Burlington Northern Railroad presented at the most recent MBA breakfast.

6. [Director's Report](#)

Minutes: Graffeo provided a summary of activities this month as found in packet materials.

7. [Workforce Development Scholarship](#)

Minutes: Johnson and Graffeo summarized events which occurred since the last meeting. The City Attorney determined that EDAs may not legally provide scholarship money to religious institutions such as Concordia College. Therefore, an alternative would be to offer a generic workforce development scholarship which would be available to any Moorhead small business. Commissioners had detailed discussion.

Motion to Rescind made by Bruce Bekkerus and seconded by Chuck Hendrickson

Rescind motion of January 22, 2018, action approving Concordia's Executive Education Scholarship Request.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3

Motion to Table made by Bruce Bekkerus and seconded by Pat Kovash

Table Scholarship Program for further study and review.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3

8. [EDA and City Council Workshop Discussion](#)

Minutes: Johnson stated that if members were not able to attend the City Council workshop session later in the afternoon, to reach out to him with thoughts.

9. [Information / Update](#)

A [GFMEDC Activity Report - January](#)

B [Building & Permit Valuation Summary – January](#)

C Other Information

Minutes: Rogalla reported that he's reading a book on the topic of "re-employment" of Baby Boomers as a possible solution to today's workforce issues.

10. [Adjourn](#)

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Charley Johnson
Chair

Marsha Weber
Secretary

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator