



## City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 02, 2020 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 March 02, 2020, at 11:45 AM.

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

**1. Call meeting to Order / Roll Call**

Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Present
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Present
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Present – Entered at 11:49 a.m.
Board Member:	Zachary Heuring	Present – Entered at 11:46 a.m.
Board Member:	Pat Kovash	Absent
Board Member:	Jeff Schaumann	Present
Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Absent
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present
Council Member:	Deb White	Present
Board Member:	Vacancy – MPS position	Absent

**Others Present:**

Derrick LaPoint, DMI / Economic Development  
Dan Mahli, Assistant City Manager  
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator  
John Shockley, City Attorney  
Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director  
Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer

**2. Agenda Amendments**

Minutes: None

**3. Approve Minutes**

A February 3, 2020

**Motion to Approve made by Jeff Schaumann and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 5 – Cyusa, Heuring, Kovash, Seljevold, Vacancy

**4. Citizens Addressing the Board**

Minutes: None

**5. Commissioners' Reports**

Minutes: None

**6. [2020 Legislative Priorities - Lisa Bode, Government Affairs Director](#)**

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, reported that Moorhead's bonding priorities from 2019 were carried forward to the 2020 legislative session, with the addition of a request for construction funds for a Community & Aquatics Center. She gave details about the bonding and policies initiatives for 2020 and details about each of the potential projects. There was a hearing in the House of Representatives on February 24, 2020, for Moorhead's Local Option Sales Tax Request, which would be taken to the voters for consideration if legislative authorization is granted. Further community conversation would precede any question to the voters.

**7. [11th Street Grade Separation - Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer](#)**

Minutes: Robert Zimmerman, City Engineer, gave an overview of the proposed 11th St Underpass project. The City and MnDOT have been working together to develop the project and there has been one on one meetings with affected property owners to get their input. Currently, there are large green spaces shown in the simulations. The final footprint for the project is being developed and final use for these green spaces is undetermined at this point. Some of this space may be available for redevelopment. Governor Walz has recommended a State bonding allocation of \$111 million for grade separations statewide and this project would eligible for those funds. The City also applied for a Federal BUILD Grant in 2019, but did not receive a grant award. The project fell into the highly recommended category and there is a new application round that the City is considering applying for.

Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, reminded members about the letters of support that might help later on if the City does re-apply for the BUILD Grant. Board members had a detailed discussion.

**8. [Recommendation of the MCCARA Development Control Board for New or Expanding Business in MCCARA Industrial Park](#)**

**A [Sprenger Midwest Wholesale Lumber - 4141 30 Ave S](#)**

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, stated that a new company, Sprenger Midwest Wholesale Lumber, had recently purchased property from Gavilon Fertilizer. He said they choose Moorhead because they liked the site over several other options. They store the lumber at their site and distribute it to local lumber yards.

**Motion to Approve made by Nate Anderson and seconded by Jeff Schaumann**

Approve occupancy of Sprenger Midwest Wholesale Lumber, 4141 30 Ave S, and approval to construct a 30' x 200' lean-to shelter for outdoor lumber storage.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Kovash, Seljevold, Vacancy

**B RDO Equipment Co - 4110 & 4118 29 Ave S**

Minutes: LaPoint provided background for the request of RDO Equipment to store equipment on two city-owned parcels adjacent to the stormwater pond near their facility. He stated that RDO has an open purchase agreement with the city on the property and are requesting to display equipment on the property until closing in spring 2021

**Motion to Approve made by Zachary Heuring and seconded by Chad Cota**

Approve temporary equipment storage on city-owned property described as Lots 2 and 3, Block 6, MCCARA First Addition to the City of Moorhead.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Kovash, Seljevold, Vacancy

**9. Director's Report**

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, provided a summary of economic development activities as found in packet materials including an update on the Downtown Master Plan, business meetings, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, etc. Also, he provided a preview of upcoming events such as the 2020 Small Business Week Bus Tour. Board members had a detailed discussion.

**10. Information / Update**

A 2020 Small Business Week Bus Tour - May 4, 2020

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, they are looking for ideas from board members on businesses that they would like to tour.

B 2019 Annual Development Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, informed board members that the report is available on the City's website.

C Building & Permit Valuation Report - Sign up for "Building and Housing" e-Notifications at: <https://www.ci.moorhead.mn.us/about-the-city/news/sign-up-for-e-notification>

**11. Adjourn**

Minutes: 12:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



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Michael Burns  
Chair

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Roberta Solien  
Secretary

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

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Betty Hartley, Office Specialist*