



**City of Moorhead
Economic Development Authority**

**Meeting Minutes
November 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM
Hjemkomst Center Auditorium – 202 1 Ave N**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the Hjemkomst Center Auditorium, 202 1 Ave N, on November 01, 2021, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Abdullahi Ali	Absent
Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Present
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Absent
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Present
Board Member:	James Hand	Present
Board Member:	Joel Paulsen	Absent
Board Member:	Jeff Schaumann	Absent
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Absent
Council Member:	Deb White	Present

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

2. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: None

3. [Approve Minutes](#)

A [October 4, 2021](#)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Nate Anderson

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 5

4. [Citizens Addressing the Board](#)

Minutes: None

5. [Commissioners' Reports](#)

Minutes: Commissioner Hand provided a Moorhead Business Association update.

6. [Public Hearing for and Approve Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership - Jim Stewart, Arntson Stewart Wegner PC](#)

Minutes: Jim Stewart, Arntson Stewart Wegner, provided background for the request of Lakes & Prairies CAP to issue the Moorhead EDA's revenue notes and to loan the proceeds to a non-profit corporation for the purpose of providing revenue-producing facilities. Lake & Prairies acquired a one-story office and programming facility and adjacent parking at 851, 861, 871, 881, and 891 Belsly Boulevard, Moorhead. He stated that Lakes & Prairies is responsible to

repay the loan.

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Alexandre Cyusa

Approve Resolution for the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership in substantively the same form as found in packet materials.

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 5

7. 2022 Legislative Priorities - Lisa Bode, Government Affairs Director

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Government Affairs Director, provided up update of the 2022 Legislative Priorities as found in packet materials. Commissioner White commented.

8. 2022 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Discussion

Minutes: Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator, provided an overview of the proposed preliminary budget highlighting the two main differences from the previous year's budget, as found in the packet materials. She noted that the EDA Executive Committee had met virtually to discuss details of the budget and invited the committee members to comment.

Commissioner Anderson proposed an increase to the contribution the EDA provides to the Moorhead Business Association (increase to \$15,000) and the West Central Minnesota Small Business Development Center (increase to \$5,000) to acknowledge to good work these organizations continue to provide to Moorhead businesses.

Commissioner White asked the Assistant City Attorney, Kathryn DelZoppo, to confirm what, if any, commissioners may have a conflict of interest in supporting this increased contribution, specifically James Hand, MBA Board Chair. DelZoppo will research this issue and get back to the board.

9. Economic Development Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided an overview and update to the report included in packet materials.

10. Information / Update

A [West Central Regional Small Business Development Center](#)

B City of Moorhead Comprehensive Plan: Onward Moorhead!
www.cityofmoorhead.com/onwardmoorhead

C Clay County Comprehensive and Transportation Plan: <https://fmmetrocog.org/claycounty2045>

D 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: Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Michael Burns
Chair



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