

**City of Moorhead**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22, 2010 at 11:30 AM**  
**1st Floor, South Board Room, Moorhead City Hall**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the 1st Floor, South Board Room, Moorhead City Hall, on February 22, 2010, at 11:30 AM.

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

3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
Board Member:	Werner Golling	Present
Board Member:	Kay Parries	Present
Board Member:	Kelli Poehls	Absent
Board Member:	Robert Remark	Present
Board Member:	Jon Riewer	Absent
Board Member:	Gane Skatvold	Present
Board Member:	James Taylor	Present
Board Member:	Mark Wallert	Present
Board Member:	James Welch	Present

**Others Present:**

Pete Doll, Development Services Manager	Luther Stueland, City Council
Scott Hutchins, Director of Community Services	Amy Thorpe, Community Services Planner
Michael Redlinger, City Manager	Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer

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

**2. [Agenda Amendments](#) - None**

**3. Approve Minutes**

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**Motion to Approve made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Robert Remark**

*Motion Passed: For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2*

**4. Citizens Addressing the Board**

**5. [Flood Preparation & Legislative Update - Michael Redlinger](#)**

Minutes: Redlinger presented on a brief update regarding flood preparation. He stated that the emergency flood plant plan had been completely rewritten and reorganized. He stated that breakout teams had been organized differently to include a technical team, coordination team, and outside public safety agencies. He stated that the teams have put in a month's worth of work in preparing for this year's flood event.

Redlinger stated that one of the cornerstones of the new plan is the implementation of neighborhood zones and zone leaders which could be deployed on a 24-hour basis. Another change was to implement an external public information team of nine hand-selected members to handle all aspects of the external public information strategy to include messaging, public relations and press releases, briefings, radio spots, CodeRed scripting, Website, blog, and FaceBook. The goal was to communicate the \$7 million dollars in critical infrastructure improvements since March 2009.

Redlinger stated that selected flood acquisition properties would be relocated out of the flood plane and staged in other areas of the community. He stated the goal was to move the 25 properties before the flood event of 2010. He said this would preserve tax base, reduce cost to city to protect the neighborhoods, and save the cost of demolition.

Lastly, Redlinger stated the Moorhead City Council would be asked to approve a plan for a pre-event sandbag production. He stated that \$500,000 was allotted to prepare for the sandbag project. The goal was to produce 300,000 sandbags which would protect the city to a 38 foot flood level.

## 6. First Avenue Redevelopment Strategies - Peter Doll

Minutes: Hutchins introduced the item. Doll highlighted the key aspects and decision points as presented in his report included in the packet materials including assemblage (purchase) of property along the corridor, environmental contamination and cleanup, funding, scope, and market timing.

Board members discussed funding for the project.

Elmer asked if the demand for the property would be there once cleanup had occurred. Doll stated that there were no guarantees that a proposal would come through. He stated that it may take several years to get a proposal that was adequate.

Hutchins stated that board members should take time to consider this project and to bring their thoughts and ideas back to the board at a future meeting.

Stueland asked if there had been any interest in the city owned property. Doll stated that most of the interest has been from smaller projects. He stated the City has the property for sale but is also willing to hold it for assemblage.

Stueland asked if there was a danger to the public if the properties were not cleaned up. Doll stated that there is a danger to the ground supply and MPCA would require a cleanup within a given time but not to the same standard as required by a redevelopment project. MPCA is giving the City time to get a project together but will not wait indefinitely.

## 7. Information / Update

A [Articles](#)

## 8. Adjourn

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

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Jim Welch  
Chair

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Gane' Skatvold  
Secretary

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

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Amy Thorpe, Community Services Planner*