



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes August 31, 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 August 31, 2020, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Abdullahi Ali	Present
Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Absent
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Absent
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Absent
Board Member:	Pat Kovash	Present
Board Member:	Joel Paulsen	Present
Board Member:	Jeff Schaumann	Present
Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present – Entered 11:50 am
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present
Council Member:	Deb White	Present

Others Present:

Derrick LaPoint, DMI / Economic Development
Dan Mahli, Acting City Manager
John Shockley, City Attorney
Jim Stewart, Bond Attorney
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator

1. Call meeting to Order / Roll Call

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, welcomed Abdullahi Ali to the EDA. He also offered condolences for the loss of the MCCARA Development Control Board member Steve Connelly.

2. Agenda Amendments

Minutes: None

3. Approve Minutes

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[August 3, 2020](#)

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Pat Kovash

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cota, Cyusa

4. Citizens Addressing the Board

Minutes: None

5. Commissioners' Reports

Minutes: Kovash, MBA, reported on CARES Program, MBA taking nominations for their Board of Directors, Moorhead Alliance of Non-Profits, Diversity Job Fair, and Frostival.

6. [Public Hearing for and Approve Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals - John Shockley, City Attorney](#)

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Deb White and seconded by Pat Kovash

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cota, Cyusa

Minutes: John Shockley, City Attorney, presented the request for the EDA to be a conduit issuer for a tax exempt bond for the construction of a new healthcare clinic for Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals. Jim Steward, Bond Counsel for Solutions, was present to answer questions.

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Deb White and seconded by Pat Kovash

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cota, Cyusa

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Roberta Solien

Approve Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Professionals

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cota, Cyusa

7. [West Central Initiative - Rebecca Petersen, Director of Development](#)

Minutes: Rebecca Petersen, West Central Initiative, reported on the variety of their strategic initiatives including "Writing a New Story" publication, grants received by West Central Initiative to distribute back into the communities, supplies to those in need, Resiliency Fund Grants, Small Business Relief Grants, Live Wide Open Campaign, and the receiving of an Economic Development Grant to hire two more planners.

Commissioners had a detailed discussion.

8. Moorhead CARES Small Business Relief Grant Update - Derrick LaPoint

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided an update on the CARES funding, applications, and deadlines.

Commissioners had a detailed discussion.

9. [Recommend 2020 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy - Dan Mahli](#)

Minutes: Dan Mahi, Acting City Manager, presented a detailed budget report and explained that the approval today set the maximum amount of the EDA tax levy. He stated that the recommendation would be presented to the City Council on September 28. At that time, that the amount of the levy and accompanying budget could be reduced prior to being finalized but it could not be increased. In December, the final budget will be approved by the EDA and City Council.

Motion to Approve made by Jeff Schaumann and seconded by Roberta Solien

Recommend to City Council approval of setting the preliminary EDA budget and tax levy in the amount of \$546,137.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cota, Cyusa

10. Information / Update

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: Adjourned at 12:21 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:
Betty Hartley, Office Specialist