



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Agenda
June 27, 2017 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 June 27, 2017, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

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

Also Present:

Cindy Graffeo, EDA Executive Director
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator
Tom McSparron, West Central Initiative
Scott Hutchins, Deputy City Manager

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

2. [Agenda Amendments](#)

Minutes: None

3. Approve Minutes

A [May 22, 2017](#)

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

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

4. Citizens Addressing the Board

Minutes: None

5. Commissioners' Reports

Minutes: Pat Kovash (MBA) provided an update on the MBA's Annual Golf Tournament and July 4th Fireworks

Violet Deilke provided an update regarding a meeting between the City Manager, Mall

Manager, and Graffeo. Also provided update on a new restaurant opening in the former Sorello's location called "IDK Restaurant"

Bruce Bekkerus provided an update on a new sign installed on the Anheuser Busch plant on I-94.

John Rogalla (MPS) provided an update on the "Tower Art" program

Bob Buth (Downtown Moorhead Inc) provided an update on the status of hiring an executive director of Downtown Moorhead Inc.

6. [Director's Report](#)

Minutes: Graffeo summarized June activities as found in packet materials. Commissioners provided comment regarding the Moorhead Loan Fund.

7. [West Central Initiative Annual Report - McSparron](#)

Minutes: McSparron presented the West Central Initiative's annual update to commissioners.

8. [2017 Legislative Update - Hutchins](#)

Minutes: Hutchins presented a final report of the 2017 Legislative Session which is detailed in packet materials.

9. [2017 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program](#)

Minutes: Graffeo provided a summary of the proposed 2017 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program as found in packet materials. Commissioners had detailed discussion and supported restoration of the program to 20% of a business's actual workers compensation expense with a \$25,000 program cap.

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

Motion to restore the 2017 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program to a 20% credit of a business's actual workers compensation expense with a \$25,000 program cap.

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

10. [Preliminary EDA Budget and Tax Levy for 2018](#)

Minutes: Graffeo provided a proposed 2018 EDA budget and levy as found in packet materials. Commissioners had detailed discussion.

Motion to Approve made by Bob Buth and seconded by Bruce Bekkerus

Motion to Approve the 2018 preliminary budget and set the maximum tax levy at \$400,000

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

11. [2017 Startup Moorhead Business Plan Competition](#)

Minutes: Graffeo provided updates regarding the program details for the 2017 "Startup Moorhead" Business Plan Competition as found in draft form in packet materials. Commissioners had detailed discussion.

Motion to Approve made by Wyatt Johnson and seconded by Pat Kovash

Motion to Approve the creation of the Startup Moorhead Business Plan Competition and authorization of related expenses.

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

12. [Motion to Move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations for the Development Project Located on the SE Corner of 8th Street and Main Avenue](#)

Motion to Approve made by Mari Dailey and seconded by Marsha Weber

Motion to Move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations for the Development Project Located on the SE Corner of 8th Street and Main Avenue

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

Minutes: Commissioners moved to the boardroom for executive session and returned to the meeting without taking action.

13. Information / Update

A [GFMEDC Activity Report - May](#)

B [Building & Permit Valuation Report - May](#)

14. [Adjourn](#)

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 1:05 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