



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes June 28, 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 June 28, 2021, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Abdullahi Ali	Absent
Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Absent
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Present
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Present at 11:50 am
Board Member:	James Hand	Present
Council Member:	Joel Paulsen	Present at 11:52 am
Board Member:	Jeff Schaumann	Present
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present at 11:53 am
Council Member:	Deb White	Present

Others Present:

Steve French and Leslie Buegel, Folkways
Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development
Dan Mahli, City Manager
Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director
Kristie Leshovsky, Community Development Director
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator

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

2. Agenda Amendments - None

3. [Approve Minutes](#)

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

Motion None: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 5 – Ali, Anderson, Cyusa, Paulson, Solien

4. [Citizens Addressing the Board](#) - None

5. [Commissioners' Reports](#)

Minutes: James Hand announced upcoming Moorhead Business Association events, including the 4th of July Celebration, Cruise Night, and the annual Bridge Bash event, welcoming back students.

6. [Resolution to Approve Improvements in the MCCARA Industrial Park for Drywall Supply](#)

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided an overview of the requested property improvements along the railroad track requested by Drywall Supply in the MCCARA Industrial Park property.

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Chad Cota

Recommend to City Council Approval of Improvements in the MCCARA Industrial Park for Drywall Supply

Motion None: For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2

7. [Downtown Plan Implementation - Placemaking Update](#)

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint DMI/Economic Development, and Dan Mahli, City Manager, opened by giving an overview of placemaking as found in the Downtown Master Plan and placemaking initiatives which were in the works. They stated there was positive community support for new projects and events in Moorhead.

Kristie Leshovsky, Community Development Director, provided an update on a new public art concept being presented to the City Council featuring local artists, Katie Miller and Emily Williams-Wheeler. She also mentioned other future opportunities for artists including "Music at the Market" for the Moorhead Farmers Market.

Steve French, Folkways, introduced an upcoming refurbishing project working with Moorhead High School students. Leslie Buegel, along with a MHS student artist, described the project to repaint a storage box currently located in the Moorhead Center Mall parking lot and what it could mean to the community. The design and painting will be done by the student artists this summer.

Board members had detailed discussion and expressed appreciation for the community-building art project.

8. [2021 Legislative Update - Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director](#)

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, provided an update on Moorhead's legislative initiatives, as found in packet materials. Board members had detailed discussion.

Dan Mahli, City Manager, took the opportunity to thank the Economic Development Authority for their continued support, and encouraged the board to keep reaching out to the community and thank those who help us keep growing.

9. [Information / Update](#)

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, encouraged board members to participate in the upcoming public engagement opportunities for the City Comprehensive Plan in July.

A City of Moorhead Comprehensive Plan: Onward Moorhead!
<http://cityofmoorhead.com/departments/community-development/planning-zoning/long-range-planning/onward-moorhead-comprehensive-plan>

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

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>

10. [Adjourn](#)

Minutes: Adjourned at 12:23 pm

APPROVED BY:



Michael Burns
Chair

ATTEST:



Roberta Solien
Secretary

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Randy Dahlin, Technical Office Specialist