

**City of Moorhead**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26, 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 January 26, 2010, at 11:30 AM.

**Roll call of the Board 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	Absent
Board Member:	Kelli Poehls	Absent
Board Member:	Robert Remark	Present
Board Member:	Jon Riewer	Present
Board Member:	Gane Skatvold	Present
Board Member:	James Taylor	Present
Board Member:	Mark Wallert	Absent
Board Member:	James Welch	Present

**Others Present:**

Pete Doll, Development Services Manager  
Scott Hutchins, Director of Community Services  
Michael Redlinger, City Manager

Amy Thorpe, Community Services Planner  
Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer

1. [Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call](#)
2. [Agenda Amendments](#) - None
3. [Approve Minutes from December 21, 2009](#)

**Motion to Approve made by Robert Remark and seconded by Werner Golling**

*Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3*

4. **Citizens Addressing the Board** - None
5. [Administrative Issues: eBinder, The Biz Buzz, and Election of Officers - Thorpe](#)

Minutes: Thorpe introduced and distributed a draft copy of the 2010 EDA Membership "eBinder" on compact disc. She stated that this draft version was in the same "Sire" format as the EDA packets but that the final version would be complete very soon and would be more user-friendly. Also distributed were copies of a new communication, The Biz Buzz. She stated that the intent of The Biz Buzz is to keep board members informed about the latest economic development projects in the works within the city. She stated that the communication was somewhat vague in certain areas and that discretion should be used when referencing these projects to the public due to their changing nature. Hutchins provided additional information and added that election of officers would occur after committee appointments had been made by the mayor, usually in the first quarter of the year.

6. [2010 State Legislative Update - Hutchins / Zimmerman / Redlinger](#)

Minutes: Hutchins provided the board with the city's legislative priorities of the 2010 Legislative Session. He stated that short and long term flood protection activities including voluntary acquisition of flood prone homes, interim infrastructure improvements, and the USACE project were top priorities for the city. He stated that another top priority was preservation of

the Disparity Reduction Credit and Enterprise Zone Programs. Other Moorhead legislative requests included funds for a Northwest Regional Amateur Sports Center.

City Manager, Mike Redlinger, introduced the ongoing flood projects within the city and announced there would be several meetings in upcoming weeks to disseminate information.

City Engineer, Bob Zimmerman, made a presentation regarding the flood mitigation project which he will also present next week at the upcoming Intergovernmental Retreat. Board members discussed various aspects of the flood mitigation project.

7. **Introductory Discussion: 1st Avenue North Redevelopment Strategies - Doll**

Minutes: Hutchins opened with an overview of the redevelopment effort on 1st Avenue North. He stated there has been continued discussion with property owners, Aggregate specifically. He stated this was an introduction to the project and in a future meeting = there would be a more comprehensive assessment provided.

Reiwer asked about the status of the underpass project. Hutchins stated that it was way out on the horizon. Board members agreed that traffic moving through the corridor was not dependent on the underpass.

Hutchins stated that the SRF 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N corridor analysis provided an assessment of the current status of the corridor. He stated that public investment may be needed to spur private interest and investment. He stated that they are interested in a quality project, like the other downtown redevelopment project located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that the vision is to set the tone for total redevelopment of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue rather than for a marginal - short term redevelopment.

Board members agreed that they would be interested in hearing more at the February meeting.

8. **Information / Update**

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

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*