

**EDA Meeting Minutes**



**Regular Meeting  
Thurs., June 20, 2019  
3:00 p.m.  
Mtg. Rm., 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr.**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Chris Sherman
<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Regular Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	Abby Anderson, Hank Ludtke, Chris Sherman, Barry Nelson, Larry Knutson
<b>Board members absent:</b>	Karen Mulari
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson, Laura McKnight, Robyn Beck

**Agenda Topics**

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Chris Sherman called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with changes by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson, motion carried.
3. **Approval December Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ludtke - motion carried.
4. **Housing/Economic Development:**
  - **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:**

**From Check Register/Invoices Presented:** Workshop \$723.80, Hwy 34 Group Home \$670.00, Low Income Public Housing \$19,332.99, Willow Property \$2,664.20, Maple Ave. Apts. \$5,816.07, Hidden Hills Group Home \$640.00, West River Townhomes \$16,398.86, and Section 8 Voucher \$20,892.76.

**Note:** Two bills which were not included as part of the previous months check register at the EDA May meeting (\$7.00 Natalie Bergstrom – Public Housing and \$486.20 Judith Wallin for Security deposit – Maple Ave. Apts.) are added to their respective categories above.

Motion to approve paying of bills by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson - motion carried.

Motion to approve financial statements by Ludtke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson, motion carried.
  - **Kyte House in Frazee:** Frazee letter requesting conveyance of tax forfeited property for purposes of affordable housing. Some discussion about amount of money that the county would be requested as part of the conveyance; staff asked to explore what the minimum amount must be to convey the property.
  - **Brightfields :** \$300,000 in legislative funding will be provided for the assessment of closed landfills including the Becker County landfill; assessment will explore solar siting opportunities, but staff has also requested of the Brightfields group that wind power be assessed on the site (and adjacent county lands) if possible. Assessment would be finished by December 2020; ideally there will be opportunities for the County to view add input to the document along the way.
  - **FYI – Tour of Lake Region’s Wind Solar Hybrid Project** – the turbine was whisper quite. Operating as expected. This project was the first of its kind in the Country and excess capacity is going to local farmers to assist and increase thermal water heating capacity.
  - **Community Land Trust Update** – West Central Minnesota Communities Action is in the process of creating a Community Land Trust and also creating pathways/educational information to assist communities within the region who want to participate. Staff could be up in our area to discuss the CLT and County/City participation in August.
  - **Lake Park** – No. Hwy 10 Phase II discussed; staff provided review of So. Hwy 10 financing to create some context for discussing a potential second Phase No. Hwy 10 for commercial business development. Would require

land acquisition and it is anticipated that available land costs would be expensive. No action requested by the Board .

- **Revenue Recapture Audit** - Underway information due by June 26<sup>th</sup> – Jodi was waiting for review by Sheri before posting applicable information and anticipated that that would happen soon.

- **2020 Census Complete Count Committee** – County Board passed resolution and signed letter to regional census rep of County’s intent to create a Complete Count Committee in order to increase local census participation. Jobs are available 14 jobs (out of 40) remain unfilled; also hiring is ongoing for an additional 397 jobs within the County that need to be filled for future census related work in the county to conduct the census.

5. **Balance Sheet**

6. **Open Forum:**

- **Murl House – Audubon** – out by mid-July (house purchased 3 years ago).

- **HOME Program** – 3 participants

- **Public Housing** – replace furnace in Audubon (Elite Air: \$3,600)

- **WRT** – July 16<sup>th</sup> Mtg. at Mahube at 2 p.m.

7. **Adjourn:** Ludtke adjourned meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer

EDA Coordinator

/s/ Hank Ludtke

EDA Board Vice President