



**Economic Development Authority
Thursday, April 3, 2025 3:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

Call to Order: Althoff called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Luke Cooreman, Diane Johnson, Andy Althoff, Amy Dombeck, Matt Montgomery were present; City Staff Jon Radermacher and CEDA Staff Laura Qualey were present. Guests: Rosie Schluter (via ZOOM) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Dombeck motioned to approve; Montgomery seconded; unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: March 6th, 2025 – Montgomery motioned to approve meeting minutes; Second by Johnson; approved by all; motion carried

Financials: ArtOrg March payment is due. Tilion and Raw Bistro are current.

Sievers Creative Invoice of \$125 due for Cannon Roots website/hosting fee; Montgomery motioned to approve; Dombeck seconded; approved by all; motion passed.

FEAST Magazine ad: Qualey would like for the local foods group to go back to a 2 page ad again and asked if the EDA would increase their cost share from \$250 to \$500 due to increased printing costs. Board tabled discussion until responses came back from food producers to see how many would be willing to participate.

2025 Taxes are due for Hardwood Estates lots and other undeveloped EDA property; Althoff decided to put it on the May EDA Agenda to approve all at once before paying.

Hardwood Estates: Lot 7 Block 1 will be closing in late April with Fieldstone Family Homes; Purchase Agreement has already been approved.

Development Application and prelim exhibits will be ready for final approval then will be on May 12th Planning Commission meeting. A special meeting may be required later in the month to approve.

Other Business: Lorentz Meats contacted Qualey about applying for a MN Dept of Ag Train & Retain Grant for meat processors; after conversations with Samantha Akers and reviewing the requirements of the program; Qualey does not have the capacity to complete the application, create a program nor facilitate the program in the timeframe necessary. Johnson motioned to respectfully decline authoring the grant application; Montgomery seconded the motion; the board unanimously approved the motion; motion passed. The board did want it noted that this had nothing to do with not wanting to support Lorentz Meats, but it was purely a capacity/timing issue.

FEAST Tradeshow at the Grand O2 was another successful event. Dombeck brought 10 students to engage with entrepreneurs for a project. Lots of great feedback from buyers, vendors and committee members for the event. Wrap up reception was held at the Winery.

Kwik Trip update: Cooreman asked about the status: Radermacher stated that MnDOT wants to engage in more discussion about alternative options to closing Dow.

Data Center update: McCoy subdivision went to Randolph Township on Tuesday, April 1, 2025; Simon's subdivision will go to the township in the coming months. A community meeting will be held by Tract at City Council Chambers at the end of April. Details TBD.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Motion to adjourn from Montgomery and seconded by Dombeck; unanimously approved at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Qualey Approved 5-1-2025