



**Economic Development Authority
Thursday, August 7th, 2025 3:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

Call to Order: Althoff called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Diane Johnson, Andy Althoff, and Amy Dombeck were present. Staff: Izzy Carlson and CEDA Staff Laura Qualey were present. Guests: Rosie Schluter (via ZOOM), Supt. Jeff Sampson and CEDA representative Amber Patton were present. Absent: Mayor Matt Montgomery and Luke Cooreman.

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

Approval of Minutes: July 3rd, 2025 – *Johnson motioned to approve meeting minutes; Seconded by Dombeck; approved by all; motion carried.*

Financials: All loans are caught up. Johnson questioned the ‘forfeit land purchase of \$1308’ in the financial reports; Qualey will follow up on this item.

SMIF Small Town Grant is open for up to \$10,000; Qualey presented a proposal to the board featuring a request for matching funds up to \$2,000 from the EDA Board to apply for \$8,000 from SMIF to go toward marketing Cannon Falls and creating a folder with area info for new home buyers in Hardwood Estates/Timber Ridge and also to drive tourism and also focus on the local foods aspect for future advertising for FEAST. Dombeck is hoping to engage her students to assist in the content creation of the marketing materials.

Hardwood Estates: 2nd Subdivision: Fieldstone closed on Lot 13 Block 1 and FFH closed on Lot 5 Block 2 and Lot 10 Block 1. Sales total \$1,261,969.

3rd Subdivision: Final Plat/PUD approved by Council on 8-5-2025 meeting and also approved putting the project out for bids. WHKS put the project on www.questcdn.com and will open bids on August 27th at 10 a.m. A special EDA meeting will need to be set on August 28th at 7:30 a.m. to approve the lowest bid. A PUD Agreement and Development Agreement will also need to be approved and brought to the council as terms of the Final Plat/PUD process.

Other Business:

CF Tech Park Updates – August 19th Orderly Annexation Agreement between the City and Randolph Township will be brought to Council for approval; other upcoming meetings will have the application for the preliminary plat/PUD/CUP and annexation.

Kwik Trip Update – Waiting on MnDOT’s response as to whether or not Kwik Trip renews their purchase agreement or not.

MDA/AURI Annual Meeting – Dept of Ag and Ag Utilization Research Institute will be holding their joint annual meeting in CF on Aug. 19th and doing farm tours and site visits to some of our local food producers, hearing from some of them in presentations throughout their meeting and wrapping up at the Winery. About 50 people are expected to attend. Qualey will be their tour guide for the day.

Other updates: Supt. Sampson stated they are up about 10 students for the upcoming school year, but they consider that ‘flat’. School starts on the 2nd.

Izzy received plans from McDonald’s today so that will be coming to the Planning Commission in September.



Special Meeting will be Thursday, August 28th at 7:30 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 4th, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. *Motion to adjourn from Johnson and seconded by Dombeck; unanimously approved at 4:12 p.m.*

Approved 9-4-2025

Respectfully submitted by Laura Qualey.