

MEETING MINUTES

Kanabec County Economic Development Authority (EDA)

June 14, 2017 – 7:00am

Kanabec County Courthouse, Meeting Room #3

18 North Vine Street, Mora, MN 55051

Members Present: Gene Anderson, Ivan Black, Kathi Ellis, Lisa Holcomb, Doyle Jelsing, Sara Treiber, Jack L'Heurex, and Jerry Tvedt.

Members Absent: Dan Johnson

Staff Present: Patrick Christopherson, Heidi Steinmetz, Kelsey Johnson

Others Present: Beth Thorp, Joe Mulford, Terri Huro

Action #1 – It was moved by Jack L'Heureux, seconded by Ivan Black and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Action #2 – It was moved by Jerry Tvedt, seconded by Kathi Ellis and carried unanimously to approve the 5/10/17 minutes as amended: Action #6, change to say “due to the fact that the City of Mora was creating and amending their Tax Abatement Policy”

Action #3 – It was moved by Sara Treiber, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to approve the following invoices:

Vendor	Amount
Ehlers & Associates, Inc.	\$352.00
Franklin Outdoor Advertising	\$250.00
Tread Company, LLC	\$38.00
	<u>\$640.00</u>

Special Guest Joe Mulford, President of Pine Technical & Community College met with the EDA Board to discuss the benefits that college graduates have on economic development. Discussion only, no action was taken.

Terri Huro, member of the Kanabec County Art Association met with the EDA Board to request funding for a Creative MN Economic Profile. This would provide detailed statistics regarding the art industry in Kanabec County that could be used for marketing, strategic planning, and grant applications.

Action #4 – It was moved by Sara Treiber, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to approve the funding of \$1,500 to the Kanabec County Art Association to obtain a Creative MN Economic Profile.

Heidi Steinmetz led a discussion concerning JCF Properties tax abatement application. The application is currently pending due to an unpaid application fee of \$250. Discussion only, no action was taken.

Heidi Steinmetz gave an update on the DEED Shovel-Ready Certification application process. This week, Braun-Intertec will begin the Phase 1 environment assessment. Soil testing will be done at the end of the month. The application to DEED for the certification will be submitted in late August.

Action #5 – Chairperson Doyle Jelsing adjourned the meeting at 8:20am.

The Kanabec County EDA Board will meet again on Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 7:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Johnson
Kanabec County Coordinator's Assistant