

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
October 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Tim Terfehr at 5:15 pm. Those present were: Wes Anderson, Richard Koons, Elizabeth Miller and Elliot Belgard. Absent: Brent Schultze and Steve Fosness. Also, present were Scott Higgins, County Coordinator Bryan Stading, CEDA(consultant) and Joshua Schuetz (CEDA Consultant), Deb Barnes, Lake View Methodist Care Facility and Ceila Simpson, AmeriCorps (Project 1590).

Motion by Belgard, , seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 meeting, with minor corrections. Carried unanimously.

Simpson introduced herself and is the new AmeriCorps and working for Project 1590 replacing Alex Young. Simpson provided a handout and reviewed with the Commission.

Terfehr inquired if she will still be working with the county on Broadband issues.

Simpson responded that she is working with the Scott Higgins and would like to be a part of future county broadband meetings.

After further discussion the Board thanked Simpson for her report.

Barnes informed the Commission that Lake View Methodist went through a major renovation and addition to their facilities, Part of the work included expansion of the day care room., However, due to higher-than-expected costs, they were not able completed the interior of the expanded room. The current has a day care operation, but expanded the space to take on more kids. The estimated cost to complete the project is \$945,000.

Barnes further stated we are looking for any financial assistance the Commission is able to provide to help complete the day care expansion project. Barnes further stated we have written to various agencies to seek funding to complete the project.

Belgard inquired if they have contacted the Schmeeckle Foundation. Barnes responded that they have given to various day care.

Stading there is a need and that they will work with Barnes on the project.

Belgard stated that we need to do what we can to address this issue.

Schuetz reviewed the September 12, 2022- October 3, 2022 client and activities report with the Commission.

Stading provided a draft EDA logo design, stating the need to make sure the “Martin County EDA” is more prevalent and not the IGNITE logo.

Terfehr stated that the IGNITE logo is the EDA’s small business network program.

It was determined that there needs to be more work on the new logo.

Schuetz gave an update and reviewed the EDA website and Digital Marketing Campaign outline from Admfg.

Schuetz gave a brief update on the Bean Town Campaign stating that this project is in motion.

The Commission discussed moving ahead to no longer send out the Board agenda packets via mail. These are posted on the EDA website.

Higgins presented the bills for review and payment, stating the total amount of bills is \$156.25 for August 13, 2022-October 3, 2022.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Anderson to approve and ratify the bills for August 13, 2022-October 3, 2022. in the amount of \$156.25. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the EDA monthly financial report for August 2022.

Schuetz reviewed the promotional information for the upcoming open house for the Southern Minnesota Skin Solutions Grand Opening scheduled for Oct 11, 2022, 4p-6p. Schuetz reviewed the information included in the Board packets regarding the USDA Intermediary Relending Program, which provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that relend to businesses and for community development projects in rural communities. The maximum loan amount is \$250,000. Finally, Schuetz informed the Board that USDA Reconnect 4 program is out and available for high-speed internet projects in rural areas.

Higgins reviewed the MCIT Letter regarding the 2021 MCIT Annual Report, which the county has copy.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Tim Terfehr, Board Secretary/Treasurer _