

**Board Meeting Minutes of the Martin County EDA  
December 2, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Wes Anderson at 5:15pm. Those present were: Wes Anderson, Tim Terfehr, Brent Schultze, Steve Fosness, Richard Koons, and Jaime Bleess. Those absent were: Elizabeth Miller, Scott Higgins. Also, present were Mike Sheplee, Amber Patten, Celia Simpson, and Macey Becker

**Agenda**

Motion by Fosness, and seconded by Schultze to approve the agenda as presented.  
Carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

Motion by Terfehr, and seconded by Fosness to approve the minutes from November 4th, 2024 as presented.  
Carried unanimously.

**EDA Activity Report**

Patten reviewed the November EDA Activity Report. Discussion ensued. Patten introduced Celia Simpson who will be working two days a week in the Martin County EDA office. The board would like the Fox Lake Conservation League to come to the next meeting to present their project at the Fox Lake power plant site. Motion by Fosness, and seconded by Terfehr to approve EDA staff to write a letter of support for upcoming DNR Recreational grant.

**Daycare Funding**

Patten gave an update to the Board regarding daycare funding. Patten met with Scott Higgins to discuss funding options. Patten has reached out to Building Blocks daycare to get a status report on their projects, she will continue to follow up with them.

**Priority Plan**

Patten recapped the 2024 Priority Plan and presented ideas for the 2025 Priority Plan. The Board would like EDA staff to go to community Board meetings and present EDA services. The Board would also like to have a community host a Martin County EDA Board meeting. An updated 2025 Priority Plan will be presented at the January EDA Board meeting.

**Property Tax Abatement**

Sheplee recapped and presented to the Board the current Property Tax Abatement program. Discussion ensued. Motion by Fosness, and seconded by Terfehr to recommend to Martin County Commissioners to continue Property Tax Abatement program.

**Approval of Bills**

Patten reviewed November bills with the Board

Motion by Koons, and seconded by Terfehr to approve the bills as presented.

Carried unanimously.

**Year to Date Financial Report**

Patten reviewed the CY2024 year to date financial report with the Board.

**Open Discussion**

Thanked outgoing EDA Board members; Brent Schultze, Steve Fosness, and Jaime Bless for their service.

Discussion regarding 2025 EDA Board meeting dates ensued.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Fosness, and a seconded by Terfehr to adjourn the meeting

Carried unanimously.

The board meeting of the Martin County EDA was adjourned at 6:33pm.



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Wes Anderson, Board President



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Tim Terfehr, Secretary/Treasurer