

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
September 12, 2016
Martin County Courthouse, Fairmont, MN

The meeting was called to order by Randy Grupe at 5:16 p.m. Board members present were: Elliot Belgard, Larry Baarts, and Dan Schmidtke. Absent: Jerry Clark, Chris Pierce, and Brent Schultze. Others present: Bryan Stading, RCEF and Jason Sorenson, Fairmont Sentinel reporter.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Belgard to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 board meeting. Carried unanimously.

Stading gave the monthly business consultation report for August 2016 with 17 business facilitation sessions totaling 38 hours.

Stading reviewed the changes to the CY2017 Preliminary budget request, stating that total reductions to the original request is \$12, 586, which brings the original expenditure request of \$80, 750 down to \$68,164, which is a levy request of \$68,164, which equates to an overall increase of approximately 15% from CY2016.

After further discussion,

Motion by Baarts, seconded by Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) approves and recommends to the Martin County Board of Commissioners the proposed CY2017 MCEDA preliminary budget request of \$68,164 in expenditures and a tax levy in the amount of \$68,164. Carried unanimously.

Stading presented the revisions to the Business Talk radio program.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Economic Development Authority, approves the following revisions to the MCEDA radio programming, cancel the current schedule; air new programs once recorded, the new program will air on Wednesday at 11:20am; thus billing the EDA for programming that is actually on the air, instead running two programs. Carried unanimously.

Stading presented request for letters of support for BevComm and Martin County's application to the Border to Border grant application to DEED for build out of broadband infrastructure in Martin County, including BevComm's application for broadband improvements in the Granada Area, and the Martin County application, in partnership with Frontier Communications, Inc. for broadband improvements in various areas throughout the county.

After discussion,

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Economic Authority hereby approves and authorizes the Board President to sign letters of support for the Martin County Border, in partnership with Frontier Communications Inc. to Border (DEED)

grant application; and BevComm, Inc., for the proposed build out and improvement of broadband infrastructure in various areas of Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Stading noted that the final copy of the countywide broadband feasibility study by CNS and the Border to Border grant information is included in the board packets for the board to review.

Stading presented the bills to be paid in August 2016.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Baarts to ratify and approve the bills from August 2, 2016-September 12, 2016 in the amount of \$12, 778.46. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly CY2016 YTD Financial Statements for Augusts 2016 and monthly activity report. The fund balance as of end of August 2016 is \$244,724.69.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Belgard to receive and file the August 2016 monthly financial statement. Carried unanimously.

Included in the informational section of the board packets are as follows, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Annual luncheon to be held on October 12, 2016; and the July 27, 2016 minutes of the Fairmont Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB); and the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) 2017 Estimated Contribution Notice.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:15pm, Martin County Courthouse (Fairmont, MN).

With no further business to wit, Grupe declared the meeting adjourned

Randy Grupe, Board Vice-President

Attest: Brent Schultze, Secretary/Treasurer