

**Board Minutes Summary of the
Martin County EDA
May 7, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Brent Schultze at 5:15pm. Those present were Elliot Belgard, Tim Terfehr, and Dan Schmidtke, and Larry Baarts. Also present were Bryan Stading, RCEF, and Rod Halverson KSUM/KFMC radio. Absent: Steve Fosness.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Board minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Stading reviewed the April 2018 business consultation report with the Board.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Terfehr to receive and file the monthly client report for April 2018. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the CY2019 Preliminary Budget Packets. Preliminary budget requests are due June 8, 2018 to the Auditor/Treasurer Office.

Schultze reviewed application for including Opportunity Zone(s) in Martin County has been successful. Census tract #27091790600 (northern edge of Fairmont) has been included in the Governors' nomination as an Opportunity Zones. The Governors recommendations have been submitted to the US Treasury.

Opportunity Zones are a new community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income and urban communities nationwide.

Each Governor is authorized to designate 25% of the eligible census tracts as Opportunity Zones in their state. In Minnesota, this equates to 128 census tracts out of an eligible 509 low-income census tracts.

The Zones provide a tax incentive for investors to re-invest their unrealized capital gains into Opportunity Funds, which will be invested in rebuilding low-income communities. Investors are eligible to receive a temporary tax deferral for capital gains invested in an Opportunity Fund, a step-up in basis for capital gains reinvested in an Opportunity Fund, a permanent exclusion from taxable income of capital gains from the sale or exchange of an investment in a qualified opportunity zone fund if the investment is held for at least 10 years

Therefore an application was submitted to DEED for recommendation to include the Opportunity Zones in Martin County.

Bills were reviewed by the Board.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Belgard to approve and ratify the payment of bills as presented for April 3, 2018-May 7, 2018 in the amount of \$4,688.37 and to add mileage reimbursements (March and April 2018) for Bryan Stading in the amount of \$779.89. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly financials report for April 2018.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts to receive and file the EDA monthly financial reports for April 2018. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 5:15pm at the Courthouse.

With no further business to wit,

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Brent Schultze, Board President

Larry Baarts, Board Secretary/Treasurer