

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
December 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Steve Fosness at 5:17pm. Those present were: Wes Anderson, Larry Baarts, Elliot Belgard, Tim Terfehr, and Dan Schmidtke. Absent: Brent Schultze. Also present: Scott Higgins, County Coordinator and Richard Koons.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Terfehr, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular board meeting and the November 19, 2018 special Board meeting minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed briefly the Payable 2018 Tax Base Analysis informational letter prepared by the County Assessor. Higgins stated the main purpose of this information is for the board to gain a better understanding of property taxes paid by the various property classifications (i.e. Agricultural parcels) and total tax capacity for each property classification.

Higgins stated he would invite the County Assessor to go into more detail on the Tax Base Analysis.

Higgins reviewed the monthly client report for November, which included thirteen (13) sessions for a total of 16.25 hours for the month.

There were no project updates.

Higgins presented request for sponsorship of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) "2019 Community Resources Events. Higgins stated that a new initiative is being started by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) called 2019 "Sprout" Community Resource Events. SMIF will be hosting four community events in the year ahead to reach deeper into the communities they serve and share their resources and expertise.

SMIF will bring our emphasis of Collaborating for Regional Vitality to four communities in 2019 – Cannon Falls, Fairmont, Kasota, and Spring Valley. There will be local program partners and recipients, board members and staff on hand to network and share information with our community members about SMIF's work and resources. SMIF is inviting the County to consider sponsoring one or all of the Community Resource Events. Sponsorships range from \$250-\$2,000.

Motion by Terfehr, seconded by Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Economic Authority hereby approves and authorizes a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 to SMIF for the "Sprout" Community Resources Events; to include sponsorship of all four community events, including one scheduled in the City of Fairmont on May 2, 2018 at the Red Rock Center; and to inquire if possible to include other EDA organizations in the county under the same sponsorship. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Terfehr to approve and ratify the payment of bills as presented for November 6, 2018-December 10, 2018 in the amount of \$11,275.31. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the information included with the agenda packets including the MAPCED Annual Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2018; 2018-2019 MAPCED Work Plan; sponsorship request from Interlaken Heritage Day's Committee.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2018 at 5:15pm at the Martin County Courthouse.

With no further business to wit,

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Brent Schultze, Board President

Larry Baarts, Board Secretary/Treasurer