

**CITY OF MOORHEAD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 28, 2008
First Floor, Boardroom, Moorhead City Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Moorhead Economic Development Authority was held in the First Floor South Board Room, City Hall, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 28th day of April, 2008. Chair Parries called the EDA meeting to order. Roll call of members was made as follows:

EDA Members Present: Werner Golling, Mark Hintermeyer, Kay Parries, Kelli Poehls, Robert Remark, Jon Riewer, Gane' Skatvold, James Taylor, Mark Wallert, and Jim Welch

EDA Members Absent: Laurie Winterfeldt.

Others Present:

Harlyn Ault	Finance Director
Peter Doll	Manager of Business & Development Services
Scott A. Hutchins	Director of Community Services
Kristie Leshovsky	Community Services Planner
Michael Redlinger	City Manager
Brian Walters	Greater Fargo Moorhead EDC

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were no agenda amendments.

3. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Wallert moved, seconded by Poehls, to approve the January 28, 2008 minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE BOARD

No citizens requested to be heard.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Parries opened the floor to nominations. Welch moved, seconded by Poehls, to re-elect the current slate of officers. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

6. GFMEDC UPDATE

Brian Walters provided a brief update on GFMEDC's efforts at "people recruitment," specifically student recruitment. The Fargo-Moorhead region needs to align education with opportunities in the economy and be more deliberate and intentional in recruiting students, attracting students from outside of the region. A brochure (distributed to EDA) has been designed, modeled after efforts used in Philadelphia, PA. Destination: education, exhilaration. GFMEDC paid for all costs of the first 2000 brochures.

7. 2009 BUDGET BRIEF

Redlinger briefed the committee "Budget Development and Expectations for 2009".

Redlinger provided an overview of City organization; new firefighters have been hired, with three more budgeted, new police officer positions and the freeze of other positions including an administrative position and the Assistant City Manager position. Contract negotiations will take place this year. There is also a period of retirements anticipated over the next few years.

The City is preparing for potential Local Government Aid (LGA) cuts from the state of Minnesota which, if they occur, will be built into the 2009 budget. Dates for the FY09 budget timeline were also provided.

Hutchins briefed the members on discussions/actions regarding the EDA 2008 budget process. The 2008 EDA budget included a land payment (Menards/Parks) of approximately \$100,000 which was transferred from the City's General Fund to the EDA levy. At the time the EDA accepted this payment but indicated it was for one year only. The 2008 EDA budget levy included land \$, GFMEDC marketing \$.

Mike will keep the EDA apprised of the Council discussions.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hutchins referred the Board to the "Directors Report" provided in the agenda packet. He specifically briefed the board on the proposed venture capital credit and the status of JOBZ, noting JOBZ will most likely continue, with modifications.

Other highlights included the 1st Avenue North Plan. The Authority members should contact Hutchins if they would like to be briefed on the progress.

Wallert commented on the Bioscience Zone approval noting that it is a nice platform to be on if funding becomes available.

9. INFORMATION/UPDATE – Information in Packet

10. ADJOURN

Chair Parries adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Kay Parries
Chair

Kelli Poehls
Secretary

Submitted by:

Mary L. Schmitt, Office Specialist Neighborhood Services