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Winona County Economic Development Authority
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.
Location: County Boardroom

Members Attending: Commissioners Greg Olson and Dwayne Voegeli, James Doerr, Jim Vrchota, Mike Kennedy, Jason Strangstalien, and Ex-Officio member Scott Sherman

Members Absent: Duane Klein, Amber Hamernik, Ex-Officio Linda Soderstrom, and Daniel Wilson

Also attending: Lew Overhaug, Planning & Environmental Services Planner; Assistant County Attorney Paul Ellison, and Dusty Liston, CEDA Economic Development Specialist for Winona County, Zach Thompson of Z&A Country Market, and Sanborn Canoe owners (Mark, Mike, and Todd).

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Vice President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to approve the agenda. Vote: Yes – All.

3. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2023

On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to approve the minutes. Vote: Yes – All.

4. Financial Reports

A. July – August 2023: No discussion was made.

5. Loan Updates

A. Current Loan Status: Lew Overhaug informed the EDA that Metz Farms were 90 plus days delinquent on their RLF payments. Metz continues to be delinquent on their account because they are waiting for the sale of the farm before a payment can be made. Their goal is to use the money from the sale of the farm in order to pay off the loan. The EDA will continue to communicate with Metz Family Farm until the loan is paid in full.

6. New Business

A. Sanborn Canoe Revolving Loan Fund Application – The owners of Sanborn Canoe

47 Company spoke to the EDA about their plan to acquire Current Designs Kayaks
48 from Wenonah Canoe. This updated loan package is \$250k.

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50 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to
51 table the request until later the following week to give members time to review the
52 additional, updated information. Vote: Yes – All.

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54 **B. Recommendation to the County Board for the Community Economic**
55 **Development Associates (CEDA) contract for 2024:** It was recommended that the
56 EDA approve the 2024 contract with CEDA for one day a week at a rate of \$29,975
57 annually. The Winona County Board will make the final approval.

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59 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Jason Strangstalien, the EDA voted to
60 approve the 2024 CEDA contract for \$29,975.

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62 **C. Discussion – State and Local Government Committee legislative feedback/ideas**
63 **for upcoming session:** Daniel Wilson has the information for this agenda item. This
64 item has been tabled until the next regular EDA meeting for discussion.

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66 **7. Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

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68 **8. Member Reports:** No discussion or reports were brought forward.

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70 **9. Director/Economic Development and Staff Reports:** Lew Overhaug informed the EDA
71 that there would be an EDA meeting on October 26th to discuss the final report for the
72 Winona County Housing Study, as well as an October 12th meeting for the Winona
73 County Housing Study Steering Committee. Lew also mentioned that there would likely
74 be another RLF application coming before the EDA. Zach Thompson introduced himself
75 to the Winona County EDA with a brief discussion about the upcoming RLF application
76 and his butcher shop project.

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78 **10. Proposed next meeting date:** Thursday, October 26th, 2023

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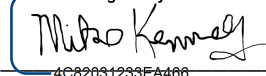
80 **11. Adjournment**

81 On motion by Jim Vrchota seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to adjourn at
82 5:56 p.m. Vote: Yes – All.

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84 Respectfully Submitted by:
85 Dusty Liston, Economic Development Specialist

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87 Signed by: 
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89 EDA President/Vice President

September 29, 2023 | 2:17 PM PDT

Date