



**Blue Earth Economic Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7:15 am
Official Proceedings**

Minutes:

CALL TO ORDER

President Laehn called the meeting to order at 7:16 a.m. in the Blue Earth City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members present: Lissia Laehn, Rick Scholtes, Bill Rosenau, Peggy Olson, and Wendy Cole

Members absent: Chase Brandt and Jamie Jones

City staff present: Mary Kennedy, City Administrator

CEDA staff: Amy Schaefer, Economic Development Specialist

Also present: Shellie Potter, Chamber; Fiona Green, Faribault County Register;

Emily Davis, Community Workforce Coordinator; Rob Hammond, Jessica Warehime and Kurt Meister

A quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rosenau, second by Olson, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items were included under Consent Items for approval.

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022.

Bills and Financials August 2022

Loan/Grant Updates

Motion by Scholtes, second by Cole, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

September Business Spotlight

The September business spotlight was presented to Jessica Warehime from JW Accounting. Warehime reported that business is going well, and the building is perfect for her needs.



BEISCO

Scholtes referred to the discussion in the closed session at the August meeting.

Motion by Scholtes, second by Olson, to authorize City Attorney David Frundt and Administrator Mary Kennedy to work with BEISCO to acquire their property. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

KBEW

Schaefer reported that the KBEW project being completed with the Commercial Improvement Loan, is taking longer than expected due to supply issues. They hope the project will be complete within the month.

Veterinarian Update

Schaefer explained that the work is continuing with Dr. Bogan. Schaefer and Kennedy have had many conversations with universities and others in order to get them on board with the vet shortage issue because it is a much larger problem than just our community.

Shrpa

Schaefer reported that the contract with Shrpa has expired and inquired if there is interest to renew for 2023. Schaefer explained that the trips already put on the site remain there, but without renewing there is no access to the data or more trips being added.

Motion by Cole, second by Scholtes, to not renew the contract with Shrpa for now, but revisit it in a few years. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion by Scholtes, second by Cole, to go into closed session at 7:30 am. The motion was approved unanimously.

*Bill Rosenau left the meeting at 7:55 am.

Motion by Scholtes, second by Cole, to end the closed session at 8:12 am. The motion was approved unanimously.

Scholtes explained that the closed session was for discussion of real estate options with nothing further to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

EDA Specialist Update

Schaefer included her update in the packet.

City Administrator Update.

Kennedy included her update in the packet



Chamber of Commerce Update

Poetter included her update in the packet and added that they will be accepting nominations in the next couple of weeks for the Chamber Board.

Workforce Coordinator Update

Davis included her update in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Scholtes, second by Cole, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Laehn adjourned the meeting at 8:17 am.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:15 a.m.