

**CITY OF HANOVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
APRIL 20, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Bartels called the regular EDA meeting of April 20, 2023 to order at 8:00 a.m. Present were members Todd Bartels, Tony Ross, Brian Dismang, Tom Dierberger, Ted Zrust and MaryAnn Hallstein. Absent was Jessica Johnson. Also present were City Administrator Jennifer Nash and Wright County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director Jolene Foss.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Hallstein and seconded by Zrust to **approve the agenda as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Dismang and seconded by Dierberger to **approve minutes of February 16, 2023 as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable and Financial Reports

Hallstein noted payment from the one loan holder is up to date.

A motion was made by Hallstein and seconded by Dismang to **approve the Accounts Payable and Financial Reports as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried..

Citizen's Forum

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. Harvest Festival Annual Donation

Nash noted this is the annual request from the Harvest Festival Committee for donation. EDA has been donating \$1,500 each year for the past several years for this event.

Hallstein suggested looking for ways for EDA to have more of a presence at the event. Members discussed it might be a good idea to promote what EDA does and businesses in town. Members also requested staff bring information on commercial property currently listed in City limits to the next EDA meeting.

A motion was made by Dierberger and seconded by Zrust to **approve donation of \$1,500 towards the 2023 Harvest Festival**. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Presentation from Minnesota Design Team

Nash introduced Katie Kangas from Minnesota Design Team. Kangas reviewed information about a program from Community Visits which aim to bring community stakeholders together to discuss and come to shared vision for different topics within a community. The team visits two communities per year in the fall and spring.

WCEDP Director Foss described her experiences working with this team visiting in a community she worked with in the past. She spoke highly of the experience and process and recommends Hanover consider applying for the program.

Members discussed possible community questions that could be topics within an MDT visit including design elements of the upcoming County 19 road project, downtown revitalization, ideas for large commercial properties currently on the market and others. If at all possible, members spoke in favor of MDT visiting in the fall so that they can help for the 19 road project that is beginning design for 2024 construction. Nash noted she would need to check with both MDT and the road project managers to see how timing of discussions can best be coordinated.

(Chair Bartels left the meeting at 9:08am; Hallstein took over as acting chair.)

Members spoke in favor of the multi-disciplinary approach that Kangas described within her presentation in including architects, engineers, historic preservationists, landscape architects and others into the volunteer professional team that MDT bring in for these visits.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Zrust to **approve EDA funding and support for application to MDT at a cost of \$7,500.** All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff will bring this item forward to Council's May 2nd meeting. EDA members offered any support they can provide to help with completing the application. Hallstein noted she would like to help to get the local elementary school involved as well. Members discussed reaching out to the Hanover Historical Society, Lions groups, Athletic Association, churches and other groups to seek more involvement as the project would move forward.

EDA Board and Staff Reports

- None

Adjournment

MOTION by Zrust to adjourn at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Zrust. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jennifer Nash, City Administrator