



*Trail to the Past. Road to the Future.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

21 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET E, MANTORVILLE, MN 55955

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**

X Brian Hindal	X Chuck Bradford	X Zach Krause	X Kim Boyum
X Troy Stafford	X Bob Soland	X Jeff Ingalls	

A. *Also in attendance were Todd Kieffer, EDA Coordinator, and John Olive from Dodge County Historical Society.*
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - A. March 4, 2025, Minutes
    - a. *Motion by Bradford and seconded by Ingalls.*
    - b. *Motion carried unanimously*
3. **Financial Report**
  - A. March 2025 (These will be available the day of the meeting)
    - a. *There was some confusion as to whether or not the check was sent to MRA for the cost of the bandshell. Gretchen took out \$25,000 from the CD when it last came due. \$17,561.83 was paid to MRA. The remaining amount, \$7,438.17, will be deposited back into the CD in November, 2025, when it comes due again.*
4. **Annual Business**
  - A. EDA Terms and Appointments
    - i. *Motions to approve each update in appointments.*
    - ii. *Motion was made to approve offices and duties to remain the same for 2025 by Soland and seconded by Solum.*
      - A. *Motion carried unanimously*
        - a. *Chair: Brian Hindal*
        - b. *Vice Chair: Chuck Bradford*
        - c. *Secretary: Todd Kieffer, CEDA Representative*
        - d. *Treasurer: Troy Stafford*
5. **New Business/Old Business**
  - A. *Dodge County Historical Society Project (John Olive) was added to the agenda.*
    - i. *Project is to update the concrete block foundation with limestone veneer.*
    - ii. *Total Cost is \$8,000. John has donated \$3,000. Masonry work will be donated. Donation requested.*
    - iii. *Commission tabled this to May meeting for decision. Discussion arose regarding the concept of creating a Social District on Tuesday nights that could promote fund-raising for causes like this and other similar non-profit organization projects in Mantorville.*
  
  - B. *Stagecoach Days Update*



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- i. Fiddler Grant - \$500
    - A. *This was received from MN State Fiddlers Association.*
    - B. *Laura did reach out to the Stagecoach Days committee to see if \$200 could be added to the prize money. This would help attract more fiddlers to the competition.*
    - C. *If SCD does not have funds available, then would EDA be able to fund this?*
      - a. *This will be included in the May agenda.*
  
  - C. Bandshell Update
    - i. *Once the final inspection is completed the Bandshell will become ownership of the City of Mantorville.*
      - A. *The City Council will be discussing the process for reserving the bandshell and will update the city website.*
  
  - D. Music in Mantorville
    - i. *Sponsors and entertainment are set for all 13 Tuesday dates in June – August.*
    - ii. *The City of Mantorville City Council is exploring possible creation of 'social districts' for these nights to provide opportunities for local non-profits to partner and generate fund-raising opportunities. More information to come.*
  
  - E. Larger than Life Art Exhibit Update
    - i. SEMAC Grant
      - A. *Laura is in the process of submitting applications before 03.31.2025 deadline*
    - ii. MN State Arts Board application for 2026 due in May
      - A. *\$5,000 - \$35,000 Range – No match required*
    - iii. *Brian Hindal has raised over half of the \$7,000 desired amount through private donations.*
  
  - F. Grant Update
    - i. SHIP Grant – Benches? Planters?
    - ii. *Todd contacted Joe Adams 2 weeks ago for specific plans regarding number of benches and planters, where they would be located and what brand. I have not heard back. Todd will be reaching back out to Joe.*
      - A. *The Decoration Committee is spearheading this effort.*
  
  - G. Mantorville City Welcome Signs added to the agenda
    - i. *Chuck Bradford had secured quote for limestone welcome signs from Vetterstone based out of Mankato. These would be located at North and South end of city.*
      - A. *Quote included with minutes.*
      - B. *Tabled to May meeting.*
- 6. Adjourn**
- A. *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ingalls and seconded by Hindal.*
  - B. *Motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:58 PM*

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**