

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Mississippi Room, Monticello Community Center

Commissioners Present: President Steve Johnson, Vice President Jon Morphey, Treasurer Hali Sittig, Ollie Koropchak-White, and Councilmember Tracy Hinz

Staff Present: Executive Director Jim Thares, Hayden Stensgard

1. **Call to Order**

President Steve Johnson called the regular meeting of the Monticello EDA to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. **Roll Call 6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Johnson called the roll.

3. **Consideration of Additional Agenda Items**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Consideration of Approving Regular Meeting Minutes – February 08, 2023**

b. **Consideration of Approving Payment of Bills**

Prior to a motion being made, Executive Director Jim Thares explained a discrepancy in the “Payment of Bills” portion of the consent agenda related to utility bills for land previously owned by the EDA. Staff planned to meet with finance to discuss steps necessary to resolve the discrepancy.

Hali Sittig moved to approve the March 8, 2023, Consent Agenda. Ollie Koropchak-White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Regular Agenda

5. **Consideration of WSB Economic Development Services Update Report**

Mr. Thares provided an overview of the agenda item to the EDA and the public. Jim Gromberg, of WSB & Associates, submitted a summary report to EDA regarding assistance activities. The summary touched on projects that Monticello is currently involved in, as well as an economic outlook for the months ahead. This summary report is included in the EDA agenda on the City’s website.

6. **Consideration of Recommending new EDA Board Members for City Council Approval**

Mr. Johnson provided an update regarding the anticipated resignation of Ollie Koropchak-White from the EDA, and that it is her intention to remain on the EDA for the foreseeable future. This left one position still to be filled.

JON MORPHEW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF RICK BARGER TO THE

MONTICELLO EDA. HALI SITTIG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0.

The EDA's recommendation was forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

7. **Economic Development Director's Report**

Mr. Thares provided an overview of the agenda item to the EDA and the public. Economic Development Association of Minnesota's (EDAM) Day at the Capitol was postponed in February due to the weather, and has since been rescheduled to March 15, 2023. He encouraged members of the EDA to reach out if they are interested in attending.

Mr. Thares walked through the Monticello Economic Development Update power point presentation that was previously presented to the City Council.

8. **Adjourn**

Tracy Hinz moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Monticello EDA. Hali Sittig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.