

Sherburne County Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023

Members Present:

Ken Geroux  
Andy Voller  
Raeanne Danielowski  
Andrew Hulse via Teams  
Molly Hanson  
Laura Kangas  
Greta Stark-Kraker

Staff Present:

Dan Weber  
Jessica Barthel  
Christina Kent  
Marc Schneider

Others Present:

Renee Regal, City of Becker; Therese Hafner, City of Big Lake; Cathy Mehelich, City of St. Cloud; Josh Mollan, City of Elk River; Brent O'Neil, City of Elk River; Don Hickman, Initiative Foundation

1. At 8:31 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Ken Geroux.
2. Motion by Laura Kangas to approve the EDA Meeting Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Andy Voller. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Andy Voller to approve the Sherburne County Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of June 15th, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Molly Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Federal Economic Development District

Jessica Barthel and Dan Weber discussed what it would mean to be a Federal Economic Development District, how to get the designation and the importance of it.

Don Hickman discussed the Feasibility Study and the timeline.

Consensus by the committee was to pursue Federal Economic Development District Designation.

5. Regional Certified Economic Development Strategy Review

Jessica Barthel gave a brief overview of the Certified Economic Development Strategy.

6. Recent Economic Development Activities

Jessica Barthel discussed Economic Development Activities for the last month and future projects.

Cathy Mehelich gave a project update from the City of St. Cloud.

7. Motion by Laura Kangas to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Molly Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The next EDA meeting is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Sherburne County Board Room.



Laura Kangas, EDA Secretary