

Zumbrota Economic Development Authority Minutes
5:30 PM Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Avenue

PRESENT: Tina Hostager, Lindsey Raasch, Brian Haugen (at 6:04 pm,) Joan Bucher, Todd Hammel, and Bob Hawley. Also present were Community Development Director Kurt Meister and City Administrator Brian Grudem.

NOT PRESENT: Dave Dahlen,

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – at 5:31 PM by Lindsey Raasch

2. **Amend/Adopt Agenda – MOTION RAASCH**, second HAMMEL to adopt the agenda with the addition of 6B, Visitors Guide. Carried unanimously.

3. **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – MOTION HAWLEY**, second HAMMEL to approve the meeting minutes from Wednesday, January 15, 2025, as written. Carried unanimously.

4. **Monthly Financial Report & Accounts Payable – MOTION BUCHER**, second HAWLEY to approve the monthly financial report & accounts payable from January 2024. Carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearings**
 - A.

6. **Old Business**
 - A. **2025 EDA** – The seats for 2025 were voted on last meeting. The following were presented as a review to those who were not present.

President – Lindsey Raasch
Vice President – Tina Hostager
Treasurer – Brian Haugen
Assistant Treasurer – Dave Dahlen

- B. **2025 Visitors Guide** – Pete Grimsrud with Grimsrud Publishing was present to continue discussions regarding the new Visitors Guides. These should be available by May 1st, 2025.

7. **New Business**

- A. **Blue Water Farms** – Meister had a meeting with Clarence Bischoff, Blue Water Farms. They are a walleye fish farm with financial backing from Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland. They are looking to open an Aquaculture operation in Minnesota. He and his investors are looking for roughly 20 acres to produce the fish and have greenhouses to grow plants with the wastewater. There would be roughly 50 employees.

- B. **EDA – 2024 Report** – Meister presented the 2024 EDA report.

- C. **New Business** – Olympic Companies recently purchased the building located at 375 22nd St. They are a lathing and plastering company based in Minnetonka, MN.

- D. **EDAM Renewal** – Meister received a membership renewal request for EDAM (Economic Development Association of Minnesota) for 2025. The cost is \$330. This association provides educational opportunities and keeps staff and board members up to date with government news.
MOTION HOSTAGER, second HAMMEL to approve the renewal of the 2025 EDAM membership. Carried unanimously.

8. **Reports**

- A. **Update – KB Apartments** – Grudem provided an update on the status of the project. There will be 18 available parking spots along the new building that will not be designated.

- B. **Grant Opportunity** – Grudem informed the board that the city has applied for a Transportation Alternatives Grant for the trestle bridge.

9. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.