

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
IN AND OF THE CITY OF ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA
February 28, 2024**

Call to Order/Roll Call

2:00 p.m.

Present: Jake Seaquist, Nick Shultz, Councilors Tom Hamilton, and Scott Pedersen. Community Development Director Marc Weigle, Deputy Clerk Amy Woitalla, and Jolene Foss from the Wright County Economic Development Partnership were also present. EDA Members Yanal Almanasir, Eric Johnson, and Chad Vitzthum were excused.

Prior to the meeting, Paul Krohnfeldt, Director of Facilities with JB Group, gave a tour and history of the facility. They are a family-owned business with a 480,000 square foot facility and will be celebrating 45 years in business this year. JB Group has approximately 650 employees.

Vice President Nick Shultz opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Set Agenda

Members Seaquist/Hamilton **moved** to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

EDA Business

New Member Eric Johnson was unable to attend, so swearing-in and introductions will take place at the next meeting.

Weigle informed members appointments for 2024 needed to be made for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Director, and Clerk. After brief discussion, Members Hamilton and Seaquist **moved** to approve Shultz as President; Seaquist as Vice President; Vitzthum as Treasurer; Weigle as Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director, and Clerk; and Woitalla as Secretary. All voted aye.

Consent Agenda

Members Pedersen/Seaquist **moved** to approve the consent agenda as listed below. All voted aye.

- *Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2024*
- *List of Claims – Check 9909 in the amount of \$16,832.50*

Industrial Activity Update

Weigle reported there had been an increase in interest from industrial users. Many were smaller users that were growing and needed additional space and were looking for 10-20,000 SF which is typically a 1-2 acre lot. Unfortunately, the City continues to have a low inventory of lots. When talking with brokers and users, Weigle said the smaller users are more receptive to locating west or south of downtown compared to larger users. Several properties were discussed as possibilities if the EDA wished to facilitate development of an industrial park for smaller users in the future.

Spring Breakfast Meeting

Weigle reminded members of the business breakfast the EDA hosted last spring and suggested holding another on April 17th. There was discussion regarding possible speakers and catering options. Members Schultz/Pedersen **moved** to set the event for April 17th at 7:30 a.m. and instructed staff to contact River Inn to provide breakfast. All voted aye.

Project Updates

Weigle provided updates on various projects and developments.

March 27 Meeting Date

Weigle informed members the next regular meeting falls during spring break for STMA Schools. Due to multiple members being out of town, the consensus was to cancel the March 27 meeting.

Adjournment

Members Pedersen/Seaquist **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. All voted aye.

Attest:

Deputy Clerk

Executive Director