

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
IN AND OF THE CITY OF ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA
Oct. 23, 2024**

Call to Order/Roll Call

2:00 p.m.

Present: EDA President Nick Shultz, Vice President Jake Seaquist, Members Yanal Almanasir, and Councilors Tom Hamilton and Ryan Gleason. Community Development Director Marc Weigle and Recording Secretary Kristin Thomas were also present. Members Dr. Eric Johnson and Chad Vitzthum were excused.

Prior to the meeting Becky Berning, co-owner of Millside Tavern with her husband Scott, gave a tour of the business. Berning wove a story of family, history, and community that marks the restaurant/tavern as a unique gem for both old and new St. Michael residents. The Berning family has continuously owned the business since it was established in 1938. Millside has been voted the Best Burger in Minnesota each year since 2011 in the Crow River News Reader's Choice Awards and recently was voted Best Burger in Minnesota in 2023 by the Star Tribune.

President Nick Shultz opened the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Set Agenda

Members Seaquist/Gleason **moved** to approve the agenda. **All voted Aye.**

Consent Agenda

Members Hamilton/Seaquist **moved** to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the Sept. 25, 2024, EDA meeting.

All voted Aye.

Downtown Property Updates

Community Development Director Marc Weigle provided an update on potential redevelopment properties south of Title Specialists and Highland Bank. This area consists of a parcel owned by the City, one by Kwik Trip (referred to as the Kwik Trip house) and one by Highland Bank. Discussion included items to consider and research if the City is interested in pursuing acquisition of the Kwik Trip House property. The consensus was to direct staff to continue discussions with Kwik Trip about a possible acquisition of the property with the intent to bring it back to a future EDA meeting for formal consideration if an agreement can be reached.

Weigle provided information on the St. Michael Catholic Church rectory site located on County 35/19 as the church is consideration what to do with it.

Weigle provided updates on the Naber Business Park with B&D construction moving quickly and Inland Development Partners intending to submit site plans this winter for the larger east lot.

Report on Wright County Economic Development Partnership Workshop

Weigle summarized the workshop he attended and provided members with a hard-copy of the presentation given at that workshop.

Project Updates

Weigle provided updates on various projects and developments.

November/December Meeting Dates

Weigle recommended members consider combining the November and December 2024 meeting dates to adjust for the upcoming holidays.

Members Seaquist/Almanasir **moved** to cancel the Nov. 27 and Dec. 24 regular EDA meetings and have one meeting scheduled on Dec. 18, 2024, at 1 p.m. **All voted Aye.**

Adjournment

Members Gleason/Almanasir **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. **All voted Aye.**

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Executive Director