

**Charter Township of Union
Economic Development Authority Board (EDA)
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Economic Development Authority Board was held on April 18, 2023, at the Union Township Hall 2010 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kequom, Zalud, Bacon, Mielke, Coyne, Barz, Figg, Chowdhary

Excused: Sweet

Absent:

Others Present: Rodney Nanney – Community and Economic Development Director, Amy Peak – Building Services Clerk, Sherrie Teall – Finance Director, Jim McBryde – Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Chairman Kequom welcomed Sarvjit Chowdhary back as the newest member of the EDA Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mielke SUPPORTED by Coyne to APPROVE the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Figg SUPPORTED by Zalud to APPROVE minutes from March 21, 2023, meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Finance Director, Sherrie Teall reviewed the accounts payable for the East DDA.

MOTION by Zalud SUPPORTED by Barz to APPROVE the East DDA payables 3/22/23 – 4/18/23 in the amount of \$630.63 as presented. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Finance Director, Sherrie Teall reviewed revenues and expenditures through 3/31/23.

Financial reports were RECEIVED AND FILED by Chair Kequom

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MMDC Annual Presentation - Jim McBryde with Middle Michigan Development Corporation gave his annual presentation regarding the MMDC's economic development work on behalf of the Township and region.
- B. Irrigation discussion – Randy Sharrar with Thielen Turf Irrigation, irrigation contractor for the East DDA District, discussed replacement options for the irrigation system along E. Pickard Road following completion of the M-20 reconstruction project. Chairman Kequom confirmed Board consensus for Thielen Turf Irrigation to proceed with developing a set of recommendations for the irrigation system, and to plan to bring these back to the board in June for consideration.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Thanked Randy Sharrar for coming and participating in the irrigation discussion.
- Digital imaging of the East/West DDA archived documents plan and process and would expect it in the 2024 budget.
- J Ranck Electric street lighting update and quote for street lighting updates on South side of E. Pickard Road where MDOT recently removed the streetlights for temporary storage during the M-20 reconstruction project. Will be moving forward with RFBA for May agenda.
- Research is being done to develop a list of available contractors who could potentially provide the necessary services for sandblasting and powder coating the E. Pickard Rd. streetlights before they are reinstalled by the MDOT contractor.
- Mentioned the receipt of a Grant Application for Mid Valley Structures, who is looking to improve their sign.
- Encouraged the board to stop by the airport to look at the crew car as the wrapping is complete and a great addition to the airport.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Care Store Drive – Building Services Clerk Amy Peak announced that Union Township administrative staff have partnered with the Care Store for a Care Store drive, and welcomed any donations at the Township Hall Lobby.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mielke thanked returning board members and mentioned an open seat on the sidewalk and pathways committee.
- Zalud supports J Ranck street lighting quote.

Next regular EDA meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 4:30pm
Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

APPROVED BY


Thomas Kequom, EDA Board Chair

(Recorded by Amy Peak)