



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EDA MEETING**

**EDA Members Present:** Russ Smith, Shelly Peterson, Steve Micke, Dave Bjerkness, Mike Schultz, Ross Peterson

**EDA/Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Adam Bailey (EDA), Kelly Zink (Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce); Holly Hansen (City)

**Staff Present:** Aaron Reeves and Al Cottingham (City); Connie Christenson (Carlton County EDA)

**Others Present:** Bruce Ahlgren (Enbridge)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ross Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJUSTMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER**

Mr. Cottingham noted he would like to have the Authority hold a special meeting next week to review a Gap Financing Loan for NE BBQ. The Authority agreed to hold a special meeting at 8:00 am on Friday, October 13, 2017. Mr. Cottingham also requested that Bruce Ahlgren be given time to address the Authority on Enbridge Line 3.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

President Ross Peterson asked for any corrections or additions to the September 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes? Hearing none he asked for a motion.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded, that the EDA approve the Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2017. (Motion passed 6-0.)

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2017 EDA FINANCIALS**

**Motion:** Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Micke seconded, that the EDA August 2017 financials be tabled. (Motion passed 6-0).

**ACTION ITEMS / PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

**WELCOME NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR AARON REEVES**



City Administrator Reeves introduced himself and provided an overview on previous employment prior to coming to Cloquet. The members also introduced themselves and provided some background on themselves.

**LOAN BROCHURE UPDATES**

The Authority reviewed the Cloquet EDA loan brochures which were informational in nature and a follow up from last meeting implementing previous changes requested.

**MARKETING UPDATES**

The Authority discussed the marketing updates and the handouts. The County requested their program listings be vague as programs were constantly changing and by having specific information about programs it could cause problems if those programs are no longer available but are still being advertised.

**ENBRIDGE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Ahlgren addressed the Authority about the Enbridge Line 3 proposal and its impacts on jobs and revenue for the area. He referenced upcoming public hearings in the area for the project. He also asked the EDA for a Resolution of support. The Authority stated they would do a Resolution for support at their next meeting. Commissioner Bjerkness stated that he would be abstaining from all discussion and votes on this topic.

**BRIEF REGIONAL ECONOMIC UPDATES**

- a. Carlton County Economic Development: Ms. Christenson noted they were working on a broadband proposal in the Cromwell/Knife River area of the County.
- b. Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce: None.
- c. City of Cloquet: None.

**Next meeting date**

November 1, 2017

**ADJOURNED 9:22 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator