

ROTHSAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
119 2nd STREET SW, ROTHSA Y, MN
APPROVED MINUTES
August 5, 2019

- 1.0** The EDA meeting was called to order by President Darrell Tollefson at 8:43pm. Board Members present: Joe Tillman, Daryl Schleeter, Tulsa-Leigh Kugler, Chris Buckingham and Lisa Zimmerman. Others present: Eric Larson and Jordan Barry.
- 2.0** **Approval of Agenda:** After One Addition, a **MOTION** to approve the agenda was made by Tillman, seconded by Schleeter. Carried.
- 3.0** **Approval of July Minutes:** A **MOTION** to approve the July Minutes was made by Schleeter, seconded by Kugler. Carried.
- 4.0** **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 4.1** **Business Opportunities:** Tillman has been engaged with Southern Valley Economic Development Authority (SVEDA), hoping to find interested agricultural business groups, looking for new development opportunities. A company called Tru Ag LLC, showed interest in planting a test plot of hemp as a marketing opportunity for local growers and for business opportunities for local entrepreneurs. **MOTION** by Tillman, seconded by Tollefson to approve up to \$7,000 of investment for them to market their products. Carried.
- 4.2** **Addition to the Agenda; Buckingham Appointment:** **MOTION** by Tillman, seconded by Kugler to appoint Buckingham to the open seat of the EDA Board until November 6th, 2019. Carried.
- 5.0** **OLD BUSINESS:**
- 5.1** **Rothsay Event Center Project Update:**
- T & K Kennedy has completed the demolition work to the satisfaction of the contract.
 - Geothermal Units are being installed.
 - Gas lines have been scheduled to be trenched.
 - Ottertail Telcom has been scheduled to reconnect the internet to the facility.
 - The City will be hiring a separate contractor to do the patchwork to the flooring in the community room once the Comstock contract is complete.
- 5.2** **Fitness Club:** No Update.
- 5.3** **EDA Land Acquisition:** Tabled.
- 5.4** **Event Center Coordinator:** Tillman presented an outline of what the roles and responsibilities will be for the new position. The board approved the structure and will be posted for applicants in the next coming weeks.
- 6.0** **MOTION** to adjourn made by Zimmerman, seconded by Tollefson, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lisa Zimmerman,
EDA Secretary/Treasurer