

**ROTHSAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**119 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET SW, ROTHSA Y, MN**  
APPROVED MINUTES  
November 4, 2019

- 1.0** The EDA meeting was called to order by President Darrell Tollefson at 8:05pm. Board Members present: Joe Tillman, Daryl Schleeter and Tulsa-Leigh Kugler. Board Members absent: Chris Buckingham and Lisa Zimmerman. Others present: Jordan Barry and Eric Larson
- 2.0** **Approval of Agenda: After One Additions; a MOTION** to approve the agenda was made by Tillman, seconded by Schleeter. Carried.
- 3.0** **Approval of October Minutes:** A **MOTION** to approve the October Minutes was made by Tillman, seconded by Schleeter. Carried.
- 4.0** **Rothsay Event Center Coordinator Report:** The board would like to recognize the efforts of the new coordinator. The feedback has been outstanding.
- 5.0** **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 5.1** **Hemp Research Grant Co-Match:** A potential Hemp Fiber Processing business owner reached out to Tillman about a 50/50 matching grant for the research and development of various products hemp is, and can be used for. More will be discussed at the December meeting.
- 5.2** **Hemp Test Pilot Project Update:** Travis from TruAg will be bringing the hemp that was harvested to market. The initial testing of the product came back with a good rating. A meeting will be scheduled for interested local growers to educate them on the opportunities in the market.
- 5.3** **Grant Writer:** Zimmerman will be instructed to reach out the grant writer the fire department hired, to obtain rates and availability to research and apply for grants under the Economic Development Authority (EDA).
- 6.0** **OLD BUSINESS:**
- 6.1** **Rothsay Event Center Project Update:**
- The City has made an offer, which was accepted, to New Life Lutheran Church for \$1,000 to purchase 250 chairs they are selling. They will be available in January.
  - Tillman will reach out to Comstock about a door that went missing during the improvements.
  - Zimmerman will work with the coordinator on choosing flooring.
- 6.2** **EDA Growth Opportunities:** Tillman expressed that Round Table Hops may be looking at coming into the area. More will be discussed at the December meeting.
- 6.3** **Concession Window:** Tollefson spoke with Gary Green for an estimate. A 5'x4' window was quoted at \$4,750. The Lion's Club is still discussing possible fundraising opportunities.
- 6.4** **Addition to the Agenda; Sponsored Coffee Hut:** The Board will brainstorm ideas on a location that has available water hookups and report at the December meeting.
- 7.0** **MOTION** to adjourn made by Tillman, seconded by Kugler, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Transcribed by,

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