



**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N
January 5, 2026 - 11:45 AM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (9): Chris Howell, Evan Balko, Sheri Larson, Nate Anderson, Chad Cota, Rob Sobolik, Kim Schlotfeldt, Emily Moore, Deb White

Absent (1): Joel Paulsen

2. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. November 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Emily Moore and seconded by Chad Cota.

For 9: Chris Howell, Evan Balko, Sheri Larson, Nate Anderson, Chad Cota, Rob Sobolik, Kim Schlotfeldt, Emily Moore, Deb White

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

B. November 18, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Emily Moore and seconded by Chad Cota.

For 9: Chris Howell, Evan Balko, Sheri Larson, Nate Anderson, Chad Cota, Rob Sobolik, Kim Schlotfeldt, Emily Moore, Deb White

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Citizens To Be Heard

Stacia Sytsma, Greater MBA Executive Director, provided an update on recent events and shared a preview of upcoming activities on behalf of the Greater Moorhead Business Association. To learn more about past events or stay informed about future opportunities, visit their website at: <https://greatermba.org/>.

5. Commissioners' Report

Commissioners had no updates or reports at this time.

6. Presentations

7. Leadership Transition: Thank You & Welcome

Dan Mahli, City Manager, provided an update on the leadership transition at Downtown Moorhead Inc. (DMI), which has been contracted to provide economic development services to the City of Moorhead through funding from the EDA's tax levy since 2018. DMI's President/CEO, Derrick LaPoint, has accepted a new position,

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and the DMI Board of Directors has appointed Matt Leiseth to the position. Mahli welcomed Matt to the team and expressed appreciation to LaPoint for his dedication to Moorhead, his commitment to family, and his friendship. He wished LaPoint the very best in his next chapter.

Derrick LaPoint expressed gratitude for the opportunity to lead Downtown Moorhead Inc. and the City's economic development team. He reflected on key accomplishments during his tenure and extended sincere thanks to the City team for their support, with a specific shout out to Amy Thorpe for her dedication and partnership throughout his time with DMI.

8. Business Items

A. Downtown TIF District - Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A

John Shockley provided background and key points regarding the proposed sale of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, to finance the renovation of Moorhead City Hall. This was an opportunity for the EDA Board to learn about the funding mechanism and ask questions. Additional details, including the timeline for bond issuance, can be found in the report included in the packet materials. The EDA will be asked to vote on this at their February meeting.

9. Information/Update

A. 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

B. 11th Street Underpass Project - [Link to MnDOT Project Details & Updates](#)

C. Downtown Moorhead Vision - [Link to More to Moorhead Website](#)

D. Community Center and Regional Library - [Link to More Information](#)

E. Building & Housing Updates - [Sign up for e-Notifications](#)

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:09 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Nate Anderson
Chair



Kim Schlotfeldt
Secretary

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.