

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board
November 17, 2021

The November 17, 2021, regular meeting of the Pope County HRA-EDA was held at the Pope County Courthouse – 3rd floor meeting room and was called to order by Chairperson Lori Vaadeland at 11:05 a.m. with the following members present; Allan Rutter, Commissioner Paul Gerde, Greg Vold, Lori Vaadeland, Jason Rupp, and Commissioner Cody Rogahn. Staff present was Barry Hegg and Jason Murray. Guests present was Joya Stetson and Cris Gastner, CEDA.

Vaadeland asked for any additional items. A motion by Gerde, seconded by Rupp, to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Vaadeland welcomed Stetson and Gastner to the meeting. The Board introduced themselves. Murray noted the bios for Stetson and Gastner, along with background information on CEDA was included in the Board packet.

Gastner thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss the role of CEDA with the County. Gastner indicated that CEDA has been in existence for 35 years. Gastner shared that the organization's original role in economic and community development focused on grant writing, specifically with the Minnesota Small Cities Block grant program, primarily servicing SE MN. After significant growth in Minnesota, the organization changed its focus to be statewide and expanded services in community and economic development. Currently, CEDA has 38 team members.

Gastner shared that CEDA will work with organization on community and economic development. Gastner indicated that a formal work plan is drafted between the organization and CEDA for specific areas to track progress and success. Gastner indicated that all service contracts are 1 year long.

Stetson shared the benefits of CEDA service, focusing on the grant writing department, marketing/branding opportunities, and government affairs division, which is focused on bringing forth community challenges to state and federal leaders.

The Board had several follow-up questions for the Gastner and Stetson. The Board thanked the two for coming and sharing CEDA's opportunities.

Official Proceedings: A motion by Gerde, seconded by Vold, to approve the November 3, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: A motion by Rutter, seconded by Rogahn, to approve the following list of bills as presented, having been duly audited and ordered them paid, motion carried unanimously:

Bill	Amount	
Phillip Johnsrud	\$	162.45
MN State Auditor	\$	9,071.50
Dust Busters	\$	966.38
State Farm	\$	2,417.91
Total	\$	12,618.24

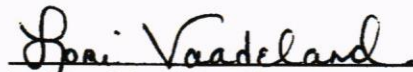
Monthly Financials for October: Murray reviewed the financials. A motion by Rogahn, seconded by Rupp, to approve the October 2021 monthly financials as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Board Per Diem: A motion by Rupp, seconded by Gerde, to approve the board per diems, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No comment received.

Adjourn: A motion by Rupp, seconded by Vold, to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m., motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


 Lori Vaadeland, President


 Cody Rogahn, Secretary