

Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2020

Present: Howard Hedstrom, Anton Moody, Heidi Doo-Kirk, Scott Harrison,
Carol Mork, Bev Green

Also Present: Pat Campanaro, Bobby Deschampe, James Joerke, Mary Ellen
Ashcroft, Dorothy Broomall, Rhonda Silence, Bruce Kerfoot,
Rob Ecklund, Ginny Storlie, Dave Mills, Mary Somnis

Hedstrom called the meeting to order. No public comments were received.
Hedstrom honored the good work of Hal Greenwood, reading from a document
written by Jim Boyd for the Cook County Board in 2015.

Upon a Motion by Doo-Kirk, second by Mork and all ayes, the Agenda was
approved. Motion carried.

Upon a Motion by Harrison, second by Green and all ayes, the Minutes of
November 10, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed an application for Business Development Funds. Mary Ellen
Ashcroft and Dorothy Broomall presented information and answered questions
about their new business, Dappled Fern Fibers. Upon a Motion by Mork, second
by Doo-Kirk and a vote of five in favor, the grant request of \$5877 was approved.
Moody abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Several visitors joined the Zoom meeting to express their thoughts about the
good work that Doo-Kirk has done for the people of Cook County in her eight
years as a County Commissioner and EDA board member. Additional thoughts
were shared in appreciation of the good work of Hal Greenwood.

The board discussed the opening of a new account at Grand Marais State Bank for
the funds received from IRRR for Taconite Area Business Relief Loans. Upon a
Motion by Doo-Kirk, second by Green and all ayes the board approved to open

the account, signers include Harrison, Hedstrom, Goettl, and Somnis, only one signature needed for transactions, Goettl and Somnis approved for electronic access. Motion carried.

The board shared thoughts about priorities for the next executive director. Among those ideas: local knowledge is important, people skills, public and private networking, political skills.

FINANCIALS

Harrison shared monthly financials for the EDA and Superior National. Upon a Motion by Doo-Kirk, second by Harrison and all ayes, the EDA monthly bills to pay were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Harrison reported that Mike Davies will be leaving his employment at Superior National on July 1, 2021. We hope for some time with him in 2022 but that is unknown. Working on a three-year plan for operating and capital expenditures.

OLD AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Somnis reported that the sale of a lot at Cedar Grove to North Point has been cancelled. They found another location.

A realtor is interested in listing the lots at Cedar Grove.

Working with DEED on an amendment to the grant agreement for Cedar Grove.

Sarah Hamilton is working with her network at Pine Ridge for possible workforce recruitment.

ARDC is considering a work plan to provide staff support to the CEC.

Grand Marais Fire Redevelopment property owners continue to meet.

The next meeting of the EDA board is January 12, 2021.

Upon a Motion by Doo-Kirk, second by Harrison and all ayes, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.