

Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes via Zoom
June 9, 2020, 4:00 PM

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

Also Present: Pat Campanaro, Mary Somnis

Hedstrom called the meeting to order. No public comments were received. Upon a Motion by Green, second by Greenwood and all ayes, the Agenda was approved. Motion carried.

Upon a Motion by Mork, second by Greenwood and all ayes, the Minutes of May 12, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Upon a Motion by Greenwood, second by Mork and all ayes, the Minutes of the May 28, 2020 Public Hearing were approved. Motion carried.

Somnis reported that MN PCA had requested several pieces of information regarding stormwater management on the developed lots at Cedar Grove. Somnis is collecting the information. A subcommittee was formed to assist, as needed: Hedstrom, Harrison and Campanaro

Hamilton Habitat is possibly interested in Lot 1, Block 1 for the development of affordable housing. They requested that the board name the price of the lot. The board said the lot could sell for \$22,500 based on comparable recent sales. Hedstrom recommended that they inquire whether housing is an allowable use of the property in city zoning. Somnis to follow-up with Hamilton Habitat.

The board reviewed the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Superior National. The EDA should sign off on the document, as owner of the golf course. Upon a Motion by Greenwood, second by Mork and all ayes, the board approved the document with some additions: explore whether daily documentation is advised and review by public health.

Harrison presented monthly financial reports and working capital projections for the EDA.

Harrison presented monthly financial reports and working capital projects for Superior National Golf Course. The golf course will pay the annual 1% interest due on the loan from Cook County. Restoration after winter damage continues on River and Canyon. May be open June 26 or thereabout, depending on turf. Visit Cook County will submit first half of marketing commitment on July 1, 2020. GPS upgrade is not yet activated on golf cars. May be able to delay cart lease and add deferred payments to lease end.

Upon a Motion by Greenwood, second by Mork and all ayes, the board approved the bills to pay as presented. Motion carried.

Somnis continues to reach out to potential developers of assisted living. Awaiting a reply.

Cook County Workforce Recruiter is back in full swing, bringing workers from Puerto Rico and expanding the search to include the metro area. This expansion was approved by Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation as an approved use of the grant.

Northland Foundation is working on a new contract to add funding for Pat's additional hours related to business needs due to COVID-19.

Info shared: remodeling at the site of former Hill Haven is complete and all apartments are occupied.

One Roof is planning to repair the driveway and parking area at Four Directions. Closing on the last two homes at Nordic Star will likely occur in July.

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