

Minutes of the City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota  
Economic Development Authority (EDA)  
Monday, February 22, 2021

1. The Hoyt Lakes Economic Development Authority (EDA) met on Monday, February 22, 2021, via Zoom/phone in due to COVID-19 at 7:20 p.m. Those present: Chairman Chris Vreeland, Commissioners: David Zins, Daniel Popp, Deborah Kramar. Absent: Christine Peterson. Also present: Attorney Mitchell Brunfelt, Clerk Tammy Snetsinger. Guests: Rick Fannin, Carrie Ryan and Matt Hagelin with Minnesota Power.
2. Moved by Commissioner Popp supported by Commissioner Kramar, to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Chairman Vreeland advised a letter was received today from residents of Colby Ridge but missed the deadline to be placed on tonight's meeting agenda.
4. Chairman Vreeland shared that he had a recent meeting with Chris Ismil, IRRRB, who is not in favor of the tentative plan of converting the Boase School property into lots to be sold. He does not feel this would qualify for the demolition loan and said a more developed plan is needed. Commissioners didn't feel the City of Hoyt Lakes is in a financial position to take this project on without assistance. Chairman Vreeland will work to set up a meeting with both St. Louis County and IRRRB to seek other options.
5. Rick Fannin, Carrie Ryan and Matt Hagelin of Minnesota Power were present to request the use of the Knott Building in Laskin Energy Park for storage of Safe Harbor Solar Modules. They need approximately 10,000 square feet of storage that does not need to be climate controlled. They would be on numerous pallets and would need the ability to be unloaded via truck. Construction time has not been finalized, but storage need is definite until possibly through December of 2021. Chairman Vreeland shared that he has recently received word from IRRRB that a party is interested in purchasing the Knott Building, so this may not be possible. He will stay in touch with Minnesota Power as he is updated from IRRRB on status of the sale.
6. Moved by Commissioner Zins, supported by Commissioner Kramar, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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David Zins  
Vice-Chairman, Economic Development Authority

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Snetsinger  
Clerk, Economic Development Authority