



MINUTES

COHASSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

305 NW FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** EDA Co-President Conrad Feldt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Bill Boutwell, Tim Carlson, EDA Co-President Conrad Feldt, Larry Gemmill, Scott Larson, and EDA Executive Director Max Peters

Absent with Notice: Greg Hagy, Rod Heller, and Nick Wooner

3. Approve Agenda

Additions: 8. A) Tioga Marketing Budget

Deletions: None

A motion was made by Carlson/Gemmill to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

4. **Business or Resident Input:** Feldt reported he had a question from a non-resident regarding natural gas expansion projects. Max Peters explained the City is waiting for the results of a gas pressure study and depending on the results the City may expand further on Hwy. 38 (to approximately Arbo Town Hall). In regard to any other expansion, the gas lines would have to be changed from a two inch line to a four inch main at a cost of \$400,000. In light of that, the City has reached its capacity for gas expansion with the exception of providing City of Cohasset residents with natural gas where there are existing lines.

5. **Approve the March 5, 2019 EDA Minutes:** *A motion was made by Carlson/Gemmill to approve the March 5, 2019 EDA minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

6. **Projects Update:** The Cohasset Lumber Mill purchase is not complete but will be shortly. Currently the City is working on property easements and the railroad crossing in connection with the parcel.

The City would like to create some recreational opportunities on County tax forfeited property and is currently in discussions with Itasca County to negotiate for the use of the land. The City would like a conveyance but the County is not interested. The City has made a formal request for a lease to facilitate ten more miles of bike trail, up to ten miles of ATV trail, an RV campground, and a Tioga Beach expansion. The matter is in the hands of Itasca County and hopefully they will support Cohasset and recreational opportunities.

Bid opening for the Cohasset School project will take place on Thursday, April 4 and will be on the City Council agenda for the April 9, 2019 meeting.

7. Nelson Wood Shims Cohasset Community Business Improvement Loan Application:
 After discussion *a motion was made by Gemmill/Carlson to approve a \$20,000 Cohasset Community Business Improvement Loan to Nelson Wood Shims; terms: 1% interest and a 120 month (ten year) term. Motion carried.*

8. Miscellaneous Business:

A. Tioga Marketing Budget: Max Peters reported that the City has received a marketing grant from the IRRRB in the amount of \$17,500. The grant award requires matching funds in the amount of \$17,500. The City has also received marketing grant dollars from Visit Grand Rapids in the amount of \$3900 which can be utilized as matching funds for the IRRRB grant. The City is requesting the EDA contribute the remaining \$13,600 to fulfill the grant requirement and matching funds related to marketing of the Tioga Recreation Area. After discussion, *a motion was made by Gemmill/Carlson to approve the expenditure of \$13,600 from EDA funds for Tioga marketing as outlined above. Motion carried.*

Scott Larson reported he attended an IEDC meeting and indicated it was an interesting discussion.

After discussing other topics, EDA Co-President Conrad Feldt adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 5/7/2019

ATTENDANCE CHART

	1/15/19	2/5/19	3/5/19	4/2/19	5/7/19	6/4/19	7/2/19	8/6/19	9/3/19	10/1/19	11/5/19	12/3/19
Greg Hagy	P	P	P	EA								
Tim Carlson	EA	P	P	P								
Bill Boutwell	EA	EA	P	P								
Conrad Feldt	P	P	P	P								
Larry Gemmill	P	P	P	P								
Rod Heller	P	P	P	P								
Scott Larson	EA	P	P	P								
Max Peters	P	P	P	P								
Nick Wooner	EA	P	P	EA								

P: Present

EA: Excused Absence

UA: Unexcused Absence

NM: No Meeting