

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2025

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Woods

Roll Call –

Present: Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Tossava, Woods

Absent: Albrecht, Baker, Wiswell

City Staff and Appointees: Hoke, King, Moyer-Cale, Ponsetto, Resseguie

Others Present:

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Woods added a discussion on a request for funding from the Barry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Alliance (BCCCEDA) for program support as Item D. under New Business; and a discussion of DDA funding for the burial of power lines at the Thornapple Plaza, as Item E. under New Business.

Motion by Tossava, second by Hatfield, to approve the agenda as amended.

All ayes motion carried

4. Approval of January 16, 2025, Minutes -

Motion by Hatfield, second by Peterson, to approve the minutes as presented.

All ayes motion carried

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said budget data has been updated through January 31, 2025.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said the façade grant spreadsheet has been updated through January 31, 2025.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business

A. Thornapple Arts Council Annual Request-

Motion by Hatfield, second by Peterson, to approve the annual request for program support in the amount of \$5,925.

Ayes: Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Woods

Nays: Tossava

Absent: Albrecht, Baker, Wiswell

Vote was 4 – 1 in favor of the request, motion carried.

B. Discuss Strategic Planning Opportunity

City staff and board discussed the potential benefits of hiring a consultant to assist the DDA with strategic planning.

C. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

The board discussed the draft DDA budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

D. BCCEDA Request for Support

The board briefly discussed the request and asked that it be included on the agenda for the March 20, 2025, meeting when more board members would be present.

E. Consumers Energy Request to bury power lines in Thornapple Plaza

The board briefly discussed the request before directing staff to add it to the agenda of its March 20, 2025, meeting.

10. DDA Member Comment – None

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Hatfield, second by Tossava to adjourn.

All ayes motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Sandra Ponsetto, City of Hastings