

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

March 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: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Resseguie (mayor pro-tem), Schantz, Tossava, Wiswell, Woods, Patterson (student member)

Absent: Tossava

City Staff and Appointees: Hoke, King, Ponsetto

Others Present: Consumers Energy Representatives: Kylee Maycroft, manager, LVD Engineering Design; Cole Rochowiak, lead engineer, LVD Design; Tim Voss, Sr. project manager, Major Projects, Real Estate Dept.; Greg Moore, sr. community affairs manager

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Woods added Request from the Barry Community Foundation for financial support for Farmers Market as item 9C. under New Business.

Motion by Peterson, second by Baker, to approve the agenda as amended.

All ayes motion carried

4. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Baker, second by Peterson, to approve the February 20, 2025, minutes as presented.

All ayes motion carried.

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said the budget data has been updated through February 28, 2025.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said there has been no change in the BEIG loan data and the quarterly update for the BEIG loan would be available in April.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

8. Old Business-

A. BCCEDA Funding Request Discussion—

DDA board members discussed the request for financial support from the BCCEDA and directed staff to Request that BCCEDA staff attend an upcoming DDA meeting to discuss the request.

B. Discuss Strategic Plan Initiative—

Board members discussed the need for a strategic plan, then directed staff to solicit quotes for a DDA Strategic Plan.

9. New Business

A. Consumers Energy Thornapple Plaza Powerline Information Presentation—

Representatives from Consumers Energy presented information on burying low voltage lines on the south of the Thornapple Plaza and raising both the low and high voltage lines that run on the west side of the plaza to allow for tree growth or the installation of shade sails.

Motion by Hatfield, second by Resseguie, to approve the expenditure of the \$66,185.00 for the reconfiguration of power lines at the Thornapple Plaza.

Ayes: Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Woods

Nays: Albrecht, Button, Wiswell

Absent: Tossava

Six ayes, three nays, motion carried.

Button left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Hatfield left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

B. Façade Grant Application from Jackie Elliot of Frozen Spoons for 329 N. Broadway—

Motion by Wiswell, second by Peterson, to approve a façade grant request totaling \$1,785.94 for Frozen Spoons.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent: Button, Hatfield, Tossava

All ayes motion carried

C. Funding Request from BCF for 2025 Farmers Market—

Motion by Resseguie, second by Baker, to approve the BCF request for \$1,500 to support the 2025 Farmers market.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent: Button, Hatfield, Tossava

All ayes motion carried

10. DDA Member Comment –

Woods said she did not like the current billboard and would like to have just one or two designs that are switched throughout the year.

Albrecht asked when the light poles on S. Jefferson Street would be replaced. King said the plan was to wait a couple years before replacing them.

Patterson said she would like to have an elected or appointed official make a presentation to her Youth in Government class at Hastings High School.

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Wiswell, second by Albrecht, to adjourn.

All ayes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary