

**Medford Economic Development Authority**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Members in Attendance: Duncan, Nelson, Heisler, Just, Wencil

Others in Attendance: Administrator Welti, Donna Mack

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Duncan.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heisler to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Heisler, seconded by Just to approve the meeting minutes from June as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heisler to approve the EDA Financial Report. Motion carried.

Donna Mack of CEDA provided information about a SMIF childcare forum that she recently attended. The main takeaway from the forum was to support local daycare providers. Mack will attempt to contact Medford daycare providers to provide information and determine if there are opportunities to provide support. Mack also provided an update of recent BRE visits and discussions she has had with prospect businesses.

Business and Economic Development Updates: Administrator Welti reported that Ashley Furniture/Furniture Mart is moving forward with an addition and the Regan Bus Garage is nearly finished. Mayor Nelson provided an update on the Outlet Center, an update of the former school football field site sale progress, and mentioned the City possibly moving forward with a study to explore the possibility of a wastewater connection to Faribault or Owatonna. The CGI sign project is moving forward, construction should begin soon.

Mayor Nelson asked the EDA if it would be interested in learning more about community foundations. Consensus was that the EDA members would be open to learning more about foundations. SMIF will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the opportunity.

Sharon Paulson submitted her resignation from the EDA Board. EDA members are encouraged to pass along names of people who may be interested in filling the vacancy to the Mayor.

The next EDA meeting will be held Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.