

# **BEMIDJI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the Bemidji Economic Development Authority (BEDA) of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, President Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Rivera, Erickson, Thompson. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Nate Mathews, Alan Felix, Ron Eischens, Steven Jones, Michelle Miller

## **BEDA STATUS AND AUTHORITY, REVOLVING LOAN FUND USE, 2021 LEVY AUTHORITY/DISCUSSION, HOUSING DATA ANALYSIS AND REVIEW, BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION SURVEY**

Jones provided history on the City's Bemidji Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the potential uses of an EDA. Jones also provided information on the city's ability to levy taxes for economic development authority. The estimated taxing authority for Bemidji is approximately \$158,000. He provided examples of cities of similar size that use EDA and/or taxing authority and how they use those dollars in their cities. Staff and members discussed possible uses of the revolving loan fund and EDA dollars for projects and loan programs.

Jones presented the City of Bemidji Data Analysis and Housing Review that was compiled by his department with the assistance from Greater Bemidji Joint Powers Board Staff and Volunteer Reviewers. The report will be continue to be updated when new information is available. The report outlines possible strategies to help reach housing goals in the community.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Rivera, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller  
B.E.D.A. Secretary