

**Winona County Special Economic Development Authority Meeting
Wednesday September 27, 2023 - 3:30 PM**

Location: County Boardroom

AMENDED

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. **Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2023**
4. Revolving Loan Fund Application: Sanborn Canoe Co LLC
5. Adjournment

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4 **Winona County Economic Development Authority**
5 **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.**
6 **Location: County Boardroom**
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11 **Members Attending:** Commissioners Greg Olson and Dwayne Voegeli, James Doerr, Jim
12 Vrchota, Mike Kennedy, Jason Strangstalien, and Ex-Officio member Scott Sherman

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14 **Members Absent:** Duane Klein, Amber Hamernik, Ex-Officio Linda Soderstrom, and Daniel
15 Wilson

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17 **Also attending:** Lew Overhaug, Planning & Environmental Services Planner; Assistant
18 County Attorney Paul Ellison, and Dusty Liston, CEDA Economic Development Specialist for
19 Winona County, Zach Thompson of Z&A Country Market, and Sanborn Canoe owners
20 (Mark, Mike, and Todd).
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22 **Regular Meeting**

23 **1. Call to Order**

24 Vice President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
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26 **2. Approval of Agenda**

27 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to approve
28 the agenda. Vote: Yes – All.
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30 **3. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2023**

31 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to approve
32 the minutes. Vote: Yes – All.
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34 **4. Financial Reports**

35 **A. July – August 2023:** No discussion was made.
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37 **5. Loan Updates**

38 **A. Current Loan Status:** Lew Overhaug informed the EDA that Metz Farms were
39 90 plus days delinquent on their RLF payments. Metz continues to be
40 delinquent on their account because they are waiting for the sale of the farm
41 before a payment can be made. Their goal is to use the money from the sale
42 of the farm in order to pay off the loan. The EDA will continue to
43 communicate with Metz Family Farm until the loan is paid in full.
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45 **6. New Business**

46 **A. Sanborn Canoe Revolving Loan Fund Application –** The owners of Sanborn Canoe

47 Company spoke to the EDA about their plan to acquire Current Designs Kayaks
48 from Wenonah Canoe. This updated loan package is \$250k.

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50 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to
51 table the request until later the following week to give members time to review the
52 additional, updated information. Vote: Yes – All.

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54 **B. Recommendation to the County Board for the Community Economic**
55 **Development Associates (CEDA) contract for 2024:** It was recommended that the
56 EDA approve the 2024 contract with CEDA for one day a week at a rate of \$29,975
57 annually. The Winona County Board will make the final approval.

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59 On motion by Jim Vrchota and seconded by Jason Strangstalien, the EDA voted to
60 approve the 2024 CEDA contract for \$29,975.

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62 **C. Discussion – State and Local Government Committee legislative feedback/ideas**
63 **for upcoming session:** Daniel Wilson has the information for this agenda item. This
64 item has been tabled until the next regular EDA meeting for discussion.

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66 **7. Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

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68 **8. Member Reports:** No discussion or reports were brought forward.

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70 **9. Director/Economic Development and Staff Reports:** Lew Overhaug informed the EDA
71 that there would be an EDA meeting on October 26th to discuss the final report for the
72 Winona County Housing Study, as well as an October 12th meeting for the Winona
73 County Housing Study Steering Committee. Lew also mentioned that there would likely
74 be another RLF application coming before the EDA. Zach Thompson introduced himself
75 to the Winona County EDA with a brief discussion about the upcoming RLF application
76 and his butcher shop project.

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78 **10. Proposed next meeting date:** Thursday, October 26th, 2023

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80 **11. Adjournment**
81 On motion by Jim Vrchota seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the EDA voted to adjourn at
82 5:56 p.m. Vote: Yes – All.

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84 Respectfully Submitted by:
85 Dusty Liston, Economic Development Specialist

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88 Signed by: _____ Date _____
89 EDA President/Vice President