Members Present: Gene Anderson, Ivan Black, Lisa Holcomb, Doyle Jelsing (Chair), Dan Johnson, Sara Treiber, Jerry Tvedt (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Jack L’Heureux, Kathi Ellis

Staff Present: Kelsey Johnson, Heidi Steinmetz

Others Present: Bob Mayo, Dave Etter, Walt Smith, Richard Anderson, Nick Bakke, Karen Amundson, Beth Thorp, Lindy Crawford

Action #1 – It was moved by Lisa Holcomb, seconded by Gene Anderson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

7:09am – Jerry Tvedt arrived.

Action #2 – It was moved by Lisa Holcomb, seconded by Jerry Tvedt and carried unanimously to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes as presented.

Action #3 – It was moved by Dan Johnson, seconded Gene Anderson and carried unanimously to approve the following invoices:

| Economic Development Association of MN | 295.00 |
| Northern Technology Initiative, Inc. – GPS 45:93 | 1,000.00 |
| Kanabec Publications Inc. | 113.00 |
| **Total:** | **$1,408.00** |

Action #4 – It was moved by Gene Anderson, seconded by Jerry Tvedt and carried unanimously to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Report as of 11/2018.

7:12am – Lindy Crawford arrived.

The Board held a discussion regarding Shoreland Ordinance #5.

7:14am – The Chairperson called for public comment. Those that responded include:

| Bob Mayo | Not in favor of commercial development on shorelands. Would it be economically beneficial? |
| Walt Smith | Not in favor of mixed use zoning on shorelands. Teresa Wickeham, Denny McNally and Scott Anderson (Attorney) rewrote the ordinance. |
| Dave Etter | Allowing commercial development on shorelands would be like allowing businesses in residential areas. Where does the EDA stand on this? |
| Rich Anderson | What would the economic benefit be to allow development on shorelands? |
| Karen Amundson | Where is the filth in the lakes coming from currently? Wants to see the lakes clean and utilized. |
Lisa Holcomb: Not the EDA’s role to dictate Countywide zoning.
Gene Anderson: The EDA shouldn’t advise on this matter.
Sara Treiber: This is a Planning Commission item, but it would be helpful to see what the changes are to the ordinance.
Jerry Tvedt: This isn’t a matter for the EDA, but we thank the public for their input and encourage them to attend the Shoreland Ordinance Public Hearing on 12/18/18.
Ivan Black: EDA sounds like big business, but that’s not what we’re about.
Doyle Jelsing: This matter is not this board’s role, but I’m glad we’re discussing it for transparency concerning balance or imbalance of residential and commercial properties in the county. Taxes are high because there aren’t enough commercial properties in the county.

7:55am – The Chairperson closed public comment.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Proposed 2019 Strategic Action Plan Priorities. Information only, no action was taken. A draft of the 2019 priorities and actions will be presented at the January 2019 meeting.

The Board held a discussion regarding the future of the Kanabec County Telework Center. The current lease expires 12/31/18. The Board recommended renewing the lease for six months.

Heidi Steinmetz gave a verbal report regarding the following project updates:

- Neighborhood National Bank – new construction is currently on hold.

8:31am – Sara Treiber left the meeting.

Mora Industrial Park Shovel Ready Certification Application Resubmittal – the application was resubmitted with the supplemental report and the $600 fee for DEED’s consultant to review the report has been paid.

NorthStar Pontoons/Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) Application – the grant has been awarded.

Action #4 – The Mora EDA and Mora HRA agreed to cost-share the proposal from Maxfield Research update the HRA’s 2014 study regarding the need for multi-family general occupancy rentals in the City of Mora at a cost of $1,667 each.

2nd Annual Economic Development Conference: “Avoiding the Workforce Desert” – coming up soon. There will be more interactive speakers this year, and lunch will be at the end of the presentation.

EDA Member 2018 Meeting Attendance – Board members agreed the attendance is correct.

Ivan Black provided an update on the Dakota Steel project in Ogilvie.

Action #5 – It was moved by Dan Johnson, seconded by Jerry Tvedt and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:46am and to meet again in regular session on Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 7:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Johnson
Kanabec County Coordinator’s Assistant