Members Present: Gene Anderson, Ivan Black, Kathi Ellis, Lisa Holcomb, Dan Johnson, Jack L’Heureux, Sara Treiber, Jerry Tvedt (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Doyle Jelsing (Chair)

Staff Present: Heidi Steinmetz, Kelsey Johnson, Kris McNally

Others Present: Beth Thorp, Steven Johnson, Marc Johnson

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

Action #2 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Ivan Black and carried unanimously to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

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Special Guest, Steve Johnson from Midcontinent Communications (Midco) gave a presentation regarding the expansion of their services, primarily with fixed wireless, in Kanabec County.

Special Guest, Marc Johnson from ECMECC gave a presentation regarding the expansion of broadband services in Kanabec County.

Heidi Steinmetz led a discussion regarding the 2020 Economic Development Conference. The proposed theme of child care was discussed. The board expressed consensus to focus on roadblocks within the workforce, including lack of child care.

Action #4 – It was moved by Dan Johnson, seconded by Lisa Holcomb and carried unanimously to reserve the Grand Event Center for February 6, 2020.

Heidi Steinmetz led a discussion regarding proposals received to outsource, setup, and service the new revolving loan fund.

Action #5 – It was moved by Jack L’Hereux, seconded by Kathi Ellis and carried unanimously to keep the revolving loan fund in house by using the Kanabec County Auditor/Treasurer’s Office to set up and service the loan.
Heidi Steinmetz gave a verbal report regarding the following project updates:

**Telework Center** – Ads were placed in the March “Advertiser”. Staff will be meeting with Pine Tech to get their thoughts on continuing a partnership.

**MN Investment Fund (MIF) Grant** – The loan document between Kanabec County and the business have been signed.

**MN Economic Development Foundation Grants** – The County EDA will be receiving $4,000 in grant funds from the Minnesota Economic Development Foundation to go towards the Shovel Ready Certifications for Braham and Mora Industrial Parks.

**EDA Member Term Expiration Dates** – Review term expiration dates on last page of packet. The board expressed consensus that these dates were accurate.

**Housing Study Update** – This should be completed by the next meeting. The cost of the study was split equally among the County EDA, the Mora HRA and the Mora EDA.

**Dakota Steel** – It turns out Dakota Steel will not be building in Ogilvie. The EDA will help market the land.

Action #7 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dan Johnson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:49pm and to meet again in regular session on Wednesday April 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Johnson
Coordinator’s Assistant