

MEETING MINUTES
Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development
Interim Board of Directors

1 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 2021
420 Watson Powell Jr. Way Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50309

The interim Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development ("MIPA") held a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting at 1 p.m. September 7, 2021. Board members were allowed to attend virtually via Zoom because it was determined to be impracticable to require in-person attendance due to the risks related to COVID-19. Notice of the meeting, including a meeting agenda, was delivered to the interim Board members in accordance with the proposed bylaws of the MIP. These minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.

MIPA Interim Board Members Present

Brenda Dryer, Chair
Clyde Evans, Vice Chair
Carrie Kruse, Treasurer
Lorin Ditzler
Deb Bengtson
Carla Eysink
Leanne Harter
Jeff Davidson
Leanne Harter
Gerry Alt
Curtis Brown
John Norris
Rachel Gocken
Alex Lynch
Don DeWaard
Brian Crowe
Wade Wagoner

MIPA Interim Board Members Absent

Charlie Dissell, Secretary
Mike Hammond
Greg Piklapp
Butch Ostrander
Kyle Michael
Deb Bengtson
Brandon Talsma
Amanda Accola
Tanya Michener
Heather Ussery
Dylan Morse
Joe Mrstik
Derek Lord
Mark Jackson
Dven Markley
Hollie Zajicek

Staff Present

Todd Ashby
Andrew Collings
Gunnar Olson
Scott Brennan
Zach Young

1. Call to Order

Todd Ashby, incorporator of the MIPA, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. REPORT: Timeline

Olson delivered a report on the status and timeline of the MIPA's efforts to seek a designation as an Economic Development District serving the Mid-Iowa Region.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Gocken to approve the September 7, 2021, meeting agenda of the MIPA interim Board of Directors.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

4. Incorporation

Olson reported that the MIPA was incorporated on August 11, 2021, upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the incorporator, Mr. Ashby, in the Office of the Secretary of State of Iowa.

Motion: A motion was made by Gocken and seconded by Davidson to approve and ratify the actions of the incorporator, including the filing of the Articles of Incorporation.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

5. Approval of Bylaws

Olson and Brennan presented the proposed bylaws of the MIPA.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lynch and seconded by Evans to approve Bylaws of the MIPA as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

6. Appointment of Officers

MOTION: A motion was made by Gocken and seconded by Crowe to approve the following officers to the MIPA Board of Directors:

Brenda Dryer, Chair
Clyde Evans, Vice Chair

Charlie Dissell, Secretary
Carrie Kruse, Treasurer

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

7. Approval of IRS Designation Submission

Olson gave a presentation regarding the MIPA's potential application for a 501(c) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

MOTION: A motion was made by Davidson and seconded by Kruse to approve the application for a 501(c) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

8. Approval of Final Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Olson gave a presentation regarding the Final Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of the MIPA ("CEDS").

MOTION: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Gocken to approve the CEDS.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

9. Application for EDD Designation

Olson gave a presentation regarding a proposed application for an Economic Development District designation from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Mid-Iowa region.

MOTION: A motion was made by Davidson and seconded by Crowe to approve MIPA's Application for an Economic Development District designation from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Mid-Iowa region.

MOTION CARRIED. HARTER ABSTAINED.

10. American Rescue Plan grant opportunities.

Collings delivered a report regarding the opportunities for the MIPA to apply for American Rescue Plan grants upon designation of MIPA as an Economic Development District.

11. Future Meeting Dates

The interim Board discussed future meeting dates.

12. Other Business.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

13. Adjournment.

Hearing no objection to the contrary, Dryer adjourned the meeting of the Board at 1:31 p.m.