

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

10 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 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 10 a.m. November 2, 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 MIPA bylaws.

Due to a lack of quorum at the meeting, the voting items were postponed and votes were conducted virtually afterward. As such, these minutes reflect all discussion at the board meeting and all actions taken virtually in the following days.

ATTENDANCE

MIPA Interim Board Members Present

Brenda Dryer, Chair
Don DeWaard
Jeff Davidson
Brian Crowe
Deb Bengtson
Charlie Dissell, Secretary
Carrie Kruse, Treasurer
Clyde Evans, Vice Chair
Curtis Brown
Carla Eysink
Tanya Michener

MIPA Interim Board Members (Unknown)

Mike Hammond
Butch Ostrander
Kyle Michael
Brandon Talsma
Heather Ussery
Dylan Morse
Leanne Harter
John Norris
Rachel Gocken
Wade Wagoner
Joe Mrstik
Mark Jackson
Hollie Zajicek

MIPA Interim Board Members Absent

Amanda Accola
Lorin Ditzler
Derek Lord
Deven Markley
Alex Lynch
Gerry Alt
Greg Peklapp

Staff Present

Todd Ashby
Andrew Collings
Gunnar Olson

Virtual votes in the favor of all items

Jeff Davidson
Charlie Dissell
Derek Lord
Kyle Michel
Amanda Accola
Rachel Gocken
Curtis Brown
Brenda Dryer
Deb Bengtson
Clyde Evans

Carrie Kruse
Tanya Michener
Hollie Zajicek
John Norris
Don DeWaard
Wade Wagoner
Brandon Talsma
Greg Pikelapp

1. Call to Order

MIPA Chair Brenda Dryer called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. A quorum was lacking.

2. Approval of the Agenda

This item was postponed due a lack of quorum. The item was later passed by virtual vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

This item was postponed due to a lack of quorum. The item was later passed by virtual vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. EDD Designation Timeline

Olson reported that the application for designation of Mid-Iowa as an Economic Development District was submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) on September 7, 2021, following the MIPA board meeting. Olson reported that EDA staff had reviewed the designation application, as well as the included Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and provided feedback. Olson reported that staff had revised the documents accordingly and returned them to the EDA to continue moving through the designation process.

5. Approval of revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Olson reported on revisions to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in response to EDA feedback. Notable changes include the addition of a section on Resiliency and an Action/Implementation Table to support the plan's goals.

This item was postponed due to a lack of quorum. The item was later passed by virtual vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Staffing Plan

Olson reported on a staffing plan for MIPA based on consultation from EDA staff.

7. Grant Applications

Collings reported on prospective grant applications from jurisdictions within the Mid-Iowa region.

8. Other Business

Dryer asked about scheduling the next board meeting, and Olson suggested the next meeting be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 4th. Hearing no objections, Olson said he would send a calendar invitation to the board.

9. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary, Dryer adjourned the meeting of the Board at 10:18 a.m.