



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1408 Lake Street South
Forest Lake, MN 55025
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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Monday, January 5, 2026

7:32 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Leif Erickson	EDA President	Present	
Eric Langness	EDA Commissioner	Present	
Jill Grindahl	EDA Commissioner	Present	
Blake Roberts	EDA Commissioner	Present	
Jennifer Lorge	EDA Commissioner	Present	
Chris Hoyt	EDA Commissioner	Present	
Johnathan Wright	EDA Commissioner	Present	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve the Agenda

Motion: EDA Commissioner Langness made a Motion to Approve the Agenda with an amendment to change 8.b. 2024-2025 Workplan Update to the regular agenda item 7.b.
Motion seconded by EDA Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Open Forum – Citizen Petitions, Requests, and Concerns

*The Open Forum is available for residents to express personal opinions for any item of business.
Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.*

Comments: None.

6. Approve EDA Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of December 1, 2025

Motion: EDA Commissioner Lorge made a Motion to Approve the EDA minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2025, as submitted.
Motion seconded by EDA Commissioner Grindahl. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Regular Agenda (Action Items)

a) Resolution 01-05-26-01 Approving the Washington County CDA Predevelopment Finance Fund Application for Funding



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Community Development Director Wittman indicated the EDA received a request from Gaughan Companies, a potential purchaser of the Airport Business Park parcels, for a site survey and wetland delineation to be completed by Hakanson Anderson for \$5,200. She commented that if the project was under \$10,000, the Washington County Predevelopment Finance Fund would fund 80 percent of the total project cost.

Motion: EDA Commissioner Langness made a Motion to Adopt Resolution 01-05-26-01. Motion seconded by EDA Commissioner Grindahl. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Discussion

a) NewTrax, Inc. Transportation Service Agreement

Community Development Director Wittman indicated Washington County is seeking to supplement NewTrax services in Forest Lake. Community Development Director Wittman sought guidance from the EDA regarding an agreement amendment. The EDA determined this was a City matter and would continue to offer verbal support for the circulator system.

b) 2024-2025 Workplan Update

Community Development Director Wittman sought guidance on the EDA's workplan for future update. The EDA provided direction to Community Development Director Wittman who indicated a draft update will be brought back for EDA formal consideration which will include analysis of the Downtown Plan projects.

9. Updates

a) City

Community Development Director Wittman reviewed the Washington County Brownfield Grant and the EDA Vacancies.

b) Washington County

None.

c) Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

None.

d) Other

None.

10. Adjourn

Motion: EDA President adjourned the Regularly Scheduled EDA Meeting at 8:27 p.m.



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