

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
Council Chambers (Second Floor), Virginia City Hall

Miskovich called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Present: Miskovich, Bartovich, Baranzelli, Smith, Jorgensen, Guertin

Absent: none

I. Minutes Approval (January 5, 2017)

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting.
Motion Carried.

II. Finance Reports

1. Check Register-UMD Center economic development \$1,500.00
Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to pay the UMD Center economic development invoice for \$1,500.00. Motion Carried.

2. Budget Appropriation Report- County apportionment of \$709.46 to be paid to VEEDA for last year.
Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to receive and file the budget report.
Motion Carried.

III. President's Report

Miskovich updated the board on school events in the City and would like to make the City of Virginia a more inviting place to be and to promote more events in the City.

IV. New Business

1. Moved by Bartovich, supported by Jorgensen to appoint Joe Guertin as the representative for the VEEDA Joint Meeting with the City of Eveleth Regarding decreasing Progress Park. Motion Carried.
2. Greater MN Partnership Dues for 2017-
Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Miskovich to *not* support paying the membership dues to Greater MN Partnership. Motion Carried.

V. Old Business/Updates

Jorgensen suggested updating the bylaws and to appoint a committee to work on the changes. President Miskovich suggested appointing Bartovich, Smith and Jorgensen to update the bylaws for discussion at the next VEDA meeting.

VI. Information & Other – FYI

Jorgensen discussed the Revive Virginia Grant and the scheduling and cash flow of the projects that would be implemented. VEDA has dedicated \$25,000 to Revive for property acquisition.

Guertin presented information to the VEDA board from the Chamber and IRRRB for new business. Guertin also suggested having more than one meeting a month. Discussion to set up a committee for business retention and expansion and have a separate meeting with that committee to discuss those items and to include others that are not on the VEDA Board.

Betsey Olivanti attended a meeting regarding Access to Capital. How cities can promote their pots of money and how to encourage people to apply for programs and funding.

VII. Adjourned at 8:47 a.m. to next meeting at 8:00 a.m. to March 2, 2017