

**Wabasso EDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, Wednesday 13, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. with board members Pat Eichten, Brad Pitzl, Karl Guetter and Chuck Robasse in attendance. Also present was EDA Director Brandon Baune and Shantel Neperman.

July Minutes - The minutes of the July 2nd, 2025, meeting was approved with a motion by Robasse, second by Pitzl.

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter; Robasse - yes

Shantel Neperman – Shantel Neperman joined the meeting to discuss the state of daycare in Redwood County. Neperman is part of the Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP) – a community-driven initiative led by First Children’s Finance and funded by the MN Depot of Children, Youth, and Families and the Southwest Initiative Foundation. She spoke to the EDA about the state of childcare in the counties, specifically the deficit in childcare capacity and needs projected for the future, for each of the communities throughout the county. Neperman and the EDA discussed the challenges to current daycare providers as well as the barriers to opening a new business. The EDA also provided information on what they have been doing and the direction they plan to take going forward.

Childcare Discussion – The EDA continued their discussions on childcare needs after Mrs. Neperman finished speaking. The EDA requested that Mr. Baune gather some information prior to next meeting. This information included but was not limited to the following:

- Specific costs childcare provided incur
- Taxes, utilities, and other costs associated with running a daycare
- Reports that daycare providers must fill out

The EDA would like to use this information to find out what costs they might be able to mitigate for the childcare providers.

Duplex Discussion – Mr. Baune was asked to catch up with Christian Peterson to see if he had any questions and thoughts about development in Wabasso.

Also, Mr. Baune was asked to send plans to Mr. Eichten and Mr. Guetter to ask local contractors for quotes.

Mr. Baune asked to work on data for market rents.

Past Due RLF Payments – Mr. Baune noted that there was improvement on past-due loans, with expectations that additional past due loans were going to be paid on Friday. The EDA requested that Mr. Baune let them know if he receives those payments.

Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Guetter, second by Pitzl to approve the Treasurer’s Report.
Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter; Robasse - yes

Bills – Motion by Pitzl, second by Guetter to approve the July Bills.

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter; Robasse - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Brandon Baune

Director

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