

**Wabasso EDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. with board members Pat Eichten, Brad Pitzl, and Karl Guetter in attendance. Also present was EDA Director Brandon Baune and RADC MVRRA/Program Director McKenzie Fisher.

August Minutes - The minutes of the August 13th, 2025, meeting was approved with a motion by Guetter, second by Pitzl.

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter - yes

Business Spotlight – Z DoorMen – Mr. Baune noted the spotlight for August on Z DoorMen was in the packet. It was also placed on the website and Facebook.

MN Housing Partnership and First Children’s Finance – Mrs. Taylor spoke about the MN Housing Partnership she is a part of and asked if the EDA wanted to identify any places for future development if we had the opportunity. The EDA noted the parcels specifically set up for duplexes and asked that Mr. Baune follow up with Mrs. Taylor on that information.

Mrs. Taylor also noted upcoming events for childcare providers. She provided flyers and asked Mr. Baune to reach out to providers with the information as well as display them for others to see.

Childcare Update – Mr. Baune noted his conversation with Brienna Mumme. He also noted that he reached out to the local childcare providers in Wabasso for financial information to guide the EDA on grants

2026 Preliminary Budget – Mr. Baune provided a 2026 preliminary budget, highlighting important areas, including rental increases and an increase in the levy from \$5,000 to \$7500. He noted that this was a rough first draft, but recommended approval or a special meeting to discuss further. Motion by Pitzl, second by Guetter to approve the 2026 preliminary budget and levy to the EDA.

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter - yes

Duplex Update – Mr. Eichten noted that he had reached out to a local contractor for a rough estimate on the duplex. He expects to have this prior to the next meeting.

Additionally, Mr. Guetter spoke to the EDA about another possible way for the city to put up a duplex brought on by a resident in town. It was agreed that Mr. Baune should coordinate with Mr. Novak on speaking with Mr. Guetter about the viability of this option.

Past Due RLF Payments – Mr. Baune noted little change on past due payments. He agreed to let the EDA know between meetings if significant payments are made on past due loans.

Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Guetter, second by Pitzl to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter - yes

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

Eichten – yes; Pitzl – yes; Guetter - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Brandon Baune

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