

**Wabasso EDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
5:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm with board members Pat Eichten, Steve Burns, and Karl Guetter present. Also present were Matt Novak, Pat Dingels, and McKenzie Fischer.

The agenda was accepted but the budget review will be tabled until December's meeting when Larry will be present.

The minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Guetter, second by Burns. Eichten – Yes; Burns – Yes; Guetter – Yes.

Strategic Plan Update:

- Planning Committee has met twice so far and have the map put together.
- Planning Committee will be meeting again soon to work on zoning.
- Goblirsch Motors property
 - Upon discovering the need for daycare, the EDA has considered building a daycare center in town. Pat Dingels found a program called Contamination Cleanup. This program would require a 25% match to clean up and turn around a property so long as it will bring jobs in. There is also a petroleum-based grant that could assist with the turnover of the Goblirsch Motors property. Guetter suggested bringing in Melanie Guetter to one of the next meetings to talk about the requirements with becoming a licensed day care provider. The board also discussed talking to current daycare providers to gather their opinions on the situation. We need more information and research on the subject before the board can continue any further. The board will stay in touch with Tim Goblirsch. Pat will look into the costs associated with doing inspections and environmental reviews.
 - The board also noted that the Bethany Lutheran Church is closing which could also be a potential opportunity for the EDA.
- The October Spotlight article Fischer wrote on Chad Ruprecht received 9,258 views and had 2,569 post impressions with over 50 shares of the article through the Redwood Area Development Corporation Facebook page.
- The November Spotlight Winterfest article is finished and will get posted to the Wabasso EDA's page and website. The December article will be on Jenniges Gas and Diesel.

Treasurer's Report – Motioned by Guetter, second by Burns to approve the treasurers report as submitted.

Eichten – Yes; Burns – Yes; Guetter – Yes.

Bills – Motion by Burns, second by Guetter to approve the bills in the agenda plus the bill added by Jamie Taylor for work on the advertising sign for the spotlights totaling \$563.97

Eichten – Yes; Burns – Yes; Guetter – Yes.

Motion by Burns, second by Guetter to adjourn at 5:31 pm