

Meeker County Economic Development Authority
Thursday May 14, 2026, at 4:30pm
Meeker County State Highway Building Conference Room
Litchfield, Minnesota

Present: Brent Bengtson, Kim Dolan, Butch Schmeling, Darren Sombke, Terri Boese Chris Loew & Consultant Lisa Graphenteen.

Absent: Joe Kuechle, Mark Smith, Steve Schmitt

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Vice President Kim Dolan

Public comment: no one present.

M/S Boese/Bengtson to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

M/S Bengtson/Schmeling to approve the March 12, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

M/S Boese/Schmeling to approve the March/April financial summaries. Motion carried.

M/S Bengtson/Schmeling to approve renewing the Townhome \$100k & \$239k CDs for 365 days at 3.96% with the Magic CD Purchase Program. Motion carried

Boese, Sombke & Schmeling volunteered to be on the 2027 budget committee.

Consultant Graphenteen discussed with the board the low usage of RLF funds and ideas the Board could consider to expand the use of the funds. These include use of a Local Development Organization to remove federal restrictions and Microenterprise lending. The Board agreed this was worth discussing more. Graphenteen will prepare additional information for the July meeting.

UPDATES:

- Consultant Graphenteen – Reviewed her activities for the last 2 months
- Admin Asst Loew – updated the board of office happenings
- Board members shared their community happenings.

M/S Boese/Bengtson to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Chris Loew, Secretary