

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Commissioners present:, Don Kirchmann, Chris Mallery, and Stuart Campbell

Commissioners Absent: John Mortensen, Mary Bailey

Others in Attendance: EDA Coordinator Todd Kieffer, City Administrator Scott Lehner

The EDA meeting was held at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mallery seconded by Kirchmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0-0.

APPROVE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

Motion by Kirchmann seconded by Mallery to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2025 and November 13, 2025 meetings, and the financials. Motion carried 3-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMENTS

REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS:

Firebird, LLC Update

According to Attorney Riggs, “Federal legislation is currently halting Hemp products beginning November 2026. A legal distinction has been made between cannabis and industrial hemp. In Minnesota, the change would not impact cannabis cultivators.”

Small Towns Grant Approved

Picnic Shelters (2) – Depot Park

Blueprints are being generated for the picnic shelters to insure they pass inspection. This will be paid for with funds from the ESMC Fund.

ESMC: UMN Design Center Update

ESMC is prioritizing projects and getting committee members devoted to each aspect like trails and Depot Park. New members are invited to become involved.

Future Housing Development Update

Housing is needed for new families to move to Kenyon. Development plans are contingent on revenue from selling Industrial Park lots.

Vacant Store Front Updates

VFW - The VFW fundraiser went well. A few plans have been put in place.

Event Center – no news.

Old Home Plate – No news.

NAPA - Municipal Liquor Store – Renovation is under way.

Kenyon Sunset Home

EDA and Rebound Realty are working together to apply for a demolition grant of the old portion so thirty-nine new rental units can become a reality.

NEW BUSINESS

December Meeting Change – 12/16/25

The December meeting was changed to Tuesday, December 16, 2025 due to the scheduled date of December 23 being so close to the holiday.

Kenyon Commercial Club Request

Social Media Training Request

The EDA would like to co-sponsor a social media training with the commercial club on February 25, 2026 in the council chambers.

Motion by Mallery seconded by Kirchmann to approve the co-sponsorship of a social media training with the commercial club for Kenyon business owners at a cost of \$750 to the EDA. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Façade Improvement Applications for 2026

Dan Thomas – Kenyon Meats

Bob Kylo

The Decision was made to table Façade applications at this time and update wording to be clearer about when applications can be received and when awards will start being approved by the EDA.

January Meeting - January 27 at Angie's

Approve \$400 to Angie's – Free Breakfast for Business Owners

Invitations for the annual meeting in January will be sent to business owners in December.

Motion by Mallery seconded by Kirchmann to approve the \$400 payment to Angie's for the annual breakfast meeting. Motion carried 3-0-0.

ESMC Update - Todd

Derek Update

Scott Update

ITEMS FOR NEXT EDA MEETING

- A. Update Façade Language
- B. Commercial Club Social Media Training Update
- C. 2026 EDA Budget

COMMENTS

Next EDA Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kirchmann seconded by Mallery to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Deputy City Clerk

John Mortensen, EDA President