

**Madelia Area Economic Development Authority**

Madelia City Council Chambers

April 28th, 2025, 5:30 PM Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cody Eager at 5:30 pm. Those in attendance were Cody Eager, Matthew Gunderson, Andrew Gappa, and Mark Slater. Glen Christensen was in attendance via phone. Others present include Chris Fischer, Chief Rob Prescher, Celia Simpson, Heather Utz, and Jim Petterson.

Eager asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Gappa made a motion to approve the agenda. Slater seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Slater and seconded by Gappa to approve the minutes from March 24th. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the program fund reports and outstanding loan reports.

Simpson informed the board that the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program had been cut. The City had been applying for the program via the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending and FY26 Community Project funding opportunities through our elected officials to help finance the construction of an accredited levee at the wastewater lift station. She encouraged the board to reach out to their elected officials in any future communication to let them know how critical this program would have been for Madelia.

Simpson brought to the board an invitation to participate in the Minnesota Business Focused on Food and Agriculture (MBFFA) program. This program is led by Greenseam and Minnesota State University Mankato. They have partnered with various regional entities to coordinate programming to support eligible businesses. Blue Earth REV is the regional lead who has invited Madelia to participate in their programming. They will livestream their monthly Lunch and Learn program to communities across the region. Each of those communities is responsible for coordinating food and locations for the event. Businesses who attend the Lunch and Learns, whether in Blue Earth or in the other participating communities would gain access to these speakers, in addition to free or discounted technical assistance from the speakers. Funding is available through the Compeer General Use grant to pay for food/technology to host these events. Simpson asked the board for approval to participate in this program, as well as apply for the Compeer General Use grant. Gappa made a motion to approve Madelia’s participation in the MBFFA program as well as an application to the Compeer General Use grant to pay for food/technology to support the events. Christensen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

A copy of the EDA specialist report was provided in the agenda packet.

The meeting was opened to public comment at 5:41 pm. No public comment was brought before the EDA board at that time. Public comment was closed.

With no further business before the EDA, a Motion was made by Gappa and seconded by Slater to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 pm.

Typed this 29th day of April, 2025,

Celia Simpson, CEDA