

**Madelia Area Economic Development Authority**

Madelia City Council Chambers

June 23rd, 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, Glen Christensen, and Mark Slater. Others present include Chris Fischer, Chief Rob Prescher, Celia Simpson, Heather Utz, Kathy Guyer, Michelle VanHee, 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 Christensen and seconded by Gunderson to approve the minutes from April 28th. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Simpson informed the board that the City’s application for funding to support an accredited levee around the wastewater lift station through the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (FY26 CDS) has moved forward to the Senate Appropriations Committee. In April, Simpson had informed the board that the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program had been cut. The understanding at the time was that the loss of this program meant that the City’s project no longer had an eligible funding source through FY26 CDS. The project is still eligible to be funded through BRIC’s parent program (Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program). Staff will continue to monitor and keep the board informed.

Simpson updated the board on the progress of the Watona Park Riverfront Redevelopment Plan process with University of MN professors and researchers. A site visit and listening session were held on June 11th. A community survey will be launched on July 12th at Park Days.

Simpson brought forward a request for $1500 from Fund 52 to use towards adding a sidewalk inventory to the City’s GIS map. This project is aligned with the Madelia Safe Routes to School Plan. She presented two options from Bolton & Menk: a high-level assessment of the City’s sidewalks with an estimated cost of $1500 and an in-depth assessment with an estimated cost of $3,000. Following board discussion, Gappa made a motion to approve up to $1500 from Fund 52 to develop a GIS layer in the City’s maps for a sidewalk inventory. 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 5:48 pm. No public comment was brought before the EDA board at that time. Public comment was closed.

Eager reviewed the upcoming events.

With no further business before the EDA, a Motion was made by Slater and seconded by Gunderson to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Typed this 26th day of June, 2025,

Celia Simpson, CEDA