

Economic Development Authority

Agenda

6:00 PM / EDA Regular Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

City Hall Meeting Room

904 10th Avenue Clarkfield, MN 56223

Access via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84270847580>

1) CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC HEARING – SALE OF PROPERTY

- a) Sale of 4.81 acres of land in the Clarkfield Industrial Park
- b) Terms of Sale
 - i) Public Comments
 - ii) Board Discussion

2) Adjourn Public Hearing

3) CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5) ADDITION TO AGENDA

6) ANNUAL DESIGNATIONS

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Board Terms
- d) Committee Assignments

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS

8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) 11/27/2023
- b) 12/05/2023

9) APPROVAL OF BILLS

10) LOANS/APARTMENTS

- a) Directors Financial Report

11) ALL OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Resolution 2024-1 Authorizing Signatures
- b) Resolution 2024-2 Land Sale

12) IDEAS & UPDATES

- a) MN Historical Society Grant for the Miller Building.
- b) Rural Capacity Program: Commercial Exterior Improvement Grant/Loans
- c) Prairie Waters Guidebook
- d) Larson Drug Gutter Update.

13) ADJOURNMENT

*The public is strongly encouraged to submit **WRITTEN** testimony/comments to info@clarkfield.org.* Written comments may be submitted up until 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to be included as part of the public record for that meeting.

Reminder – Addressing the EDA Board of Directors: Those wishing to speak should wait to be acknowledged by the Board President and comments should be on the topic being discussed. Public Comment time frame is limited to 3 minutes per individual. Data Privacy Rules and Open Meeting Laws are in effect and personal attacks will not be allowed.

**CLARKFIELD EDA
COUNTY OF YELLOW MEDICINE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
December 5th, 2023**

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 4
RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

WHEREAS, the Clarkfield EDA Board of Directors (the "Authority") has determined that the sale of 4.81 acres located on tract one of the Industrial Park in Clarkfield, MN 56223, is in the best interests of the city, its people and that the transaction furthers its general plan for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Authority shall hold a public hearing on the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will follow all applicable guidelines through MN Statue 469.105; and

WHEREAS, The Authority shall make its findings and decision on whether the sale is advisable and enter its decision within 30 days of the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Clarkfield EDA Board as follows:

1. A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 22nd @ 6:00 PM in the City Meeting Room located at 904 10th Ave. Clarkfield, MN 56223 to consider the proposed sale of real estate.
2. Publication of Notice of Public Hearing.
 - a. The Clarkfield EDA Executive Director or his/her designee is directed to cause published notice of the public hearing on the proposed sale of real estate to be given in substantially the form set forth on **Exhibit A** attached hereto.
 - b. The notice shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City. The publication must be at least 10, but not more than 20 days before the date of the public hearing.

Adopted by the EDA Board of the Clarkfield EDA, Clarkfield, Minnesota this 7th day of November 2023.

Sue Fritz, EDA President

ATTEST: _____
Jonathan Pierce, EDA Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clarkfield EDA, City of Clarkfield, Minnesota

Date, time, and place:	Notice is given that the Clarkfield EDA Board of Directors, Clarkfield, Minnesota will meet on Monday, January 22 nd , 2024 @ 6:00 PM at the City Meeting Room, 904 10 th Ave. Clarkfield, Minnesota to consider the sale of real estate property.
General nature of the sale:	The Clarkfield EDA has come to an agreement with Erik Gniffke for the purchase of 4.81 acres located on the corner of Hwy59 & Prairie View Ave. in the Clarkfield Industrial Park.
Written or oral comments:	Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the sale of this real estate property will be heard at this meeting. Written and oral comments will be considered.
Materials available at hearing:	The terms and conditions of sale between Erik Gniffke and the Clarkfield EDA will be available at the hearing.
Legal Authority:	The Clarkfield EDA Board of Directors proposes to proceed under the authority granted in Minnesota Statutes, 469.105

Certificate of Survey

A part of the Southwest Quarter in
Section 9-115-41, Yellow Medicine County,
Minnesota.

LAND DESCRIPTIONS

TRACT 1

All that part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 115 North, Range 41 West, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter corner; thence South 02 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds West, assumed bearing along the west line of the Southwest Quarter, a distance of 279.41 feet, to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 600.21 feet; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 85.80 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 299.92 feet, to a point on the north right of way line of Prairie View Avenue; thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 25 seconds West, along said north right of way line, a distance of 698.20 feet to a point on the west line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 02 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds East, along said west line, a distance of 305.79 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract is subject to any existing roadways or easements.

TRACT 2

All that part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 115 North, Range 41 West, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter; thence South 02 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds West, assumed bearing along the west line of said Southwest Quarter, a distance of 279.41 feet; thence South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 600.21 feet; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 85.80 feet, to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 299.92 feet, to a point on the north right of way line of Prairie View Avenue; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 25 seconds East, along said north right of way line, a distance of 421.70 feet to a point on the west right of way line of South 10th Street; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said right of way line, a distance of 299.64 feet, to a point on a line that bears South 88 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds East from said point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds West a distance of 421.71 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract is subject to any existing roadways or easements.

TRACT 3

All that part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 115 North, Range 41 West, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota, being more particularly described as follows:

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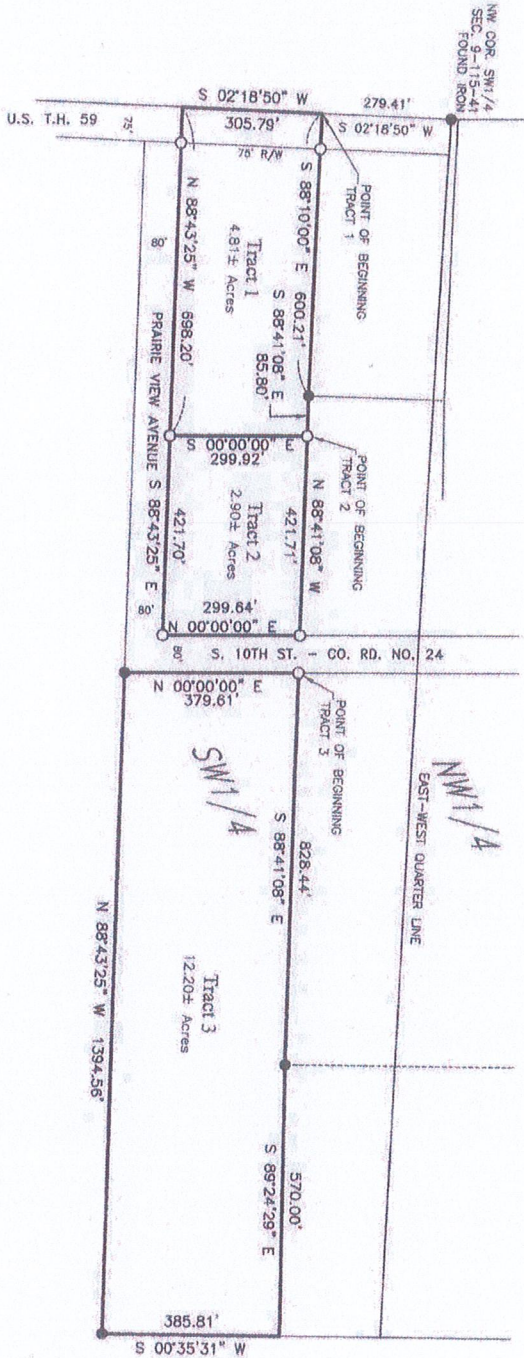
Said tract is subject to any existing roadways or easements.

Prepared for
CITY OF CLARKFIELD

Prepared by
Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc.
Marshall, MN 56258 Ph. 507-532-9043
PROJECT NO.

Certificate of Survey

A part of the Southwest Quarter in
Section 9-115-41, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota.



LEGEND

These standard symbols will
be found in the drawing.

- MONUMENTS FOUND
- MONUMENTS SET - 5/8" IRON
W/SEAL #43844

— BROKEN SCALE

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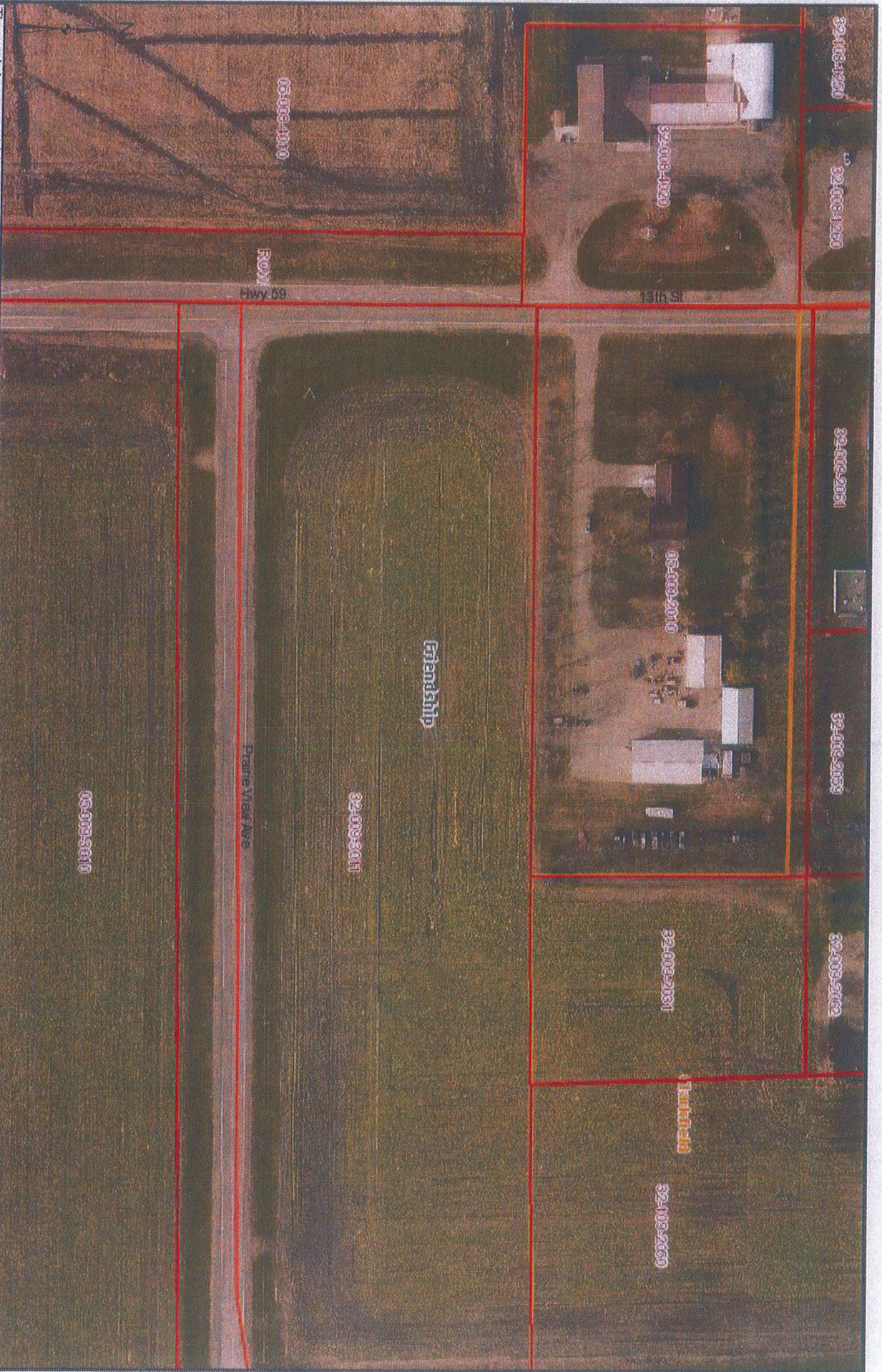
SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or
report, was prepared by me or under my direct
supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land
Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

DANIEL L. BUELTEL LICENSE NO.: 43844

DATE: JUNE 14, 2022





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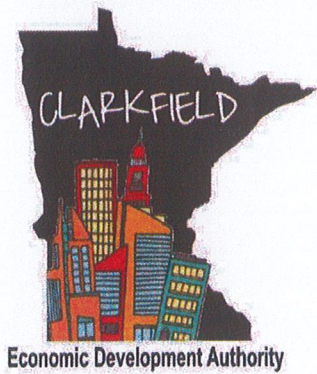
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Date: 8/1/2023





CLARKFIELD EDA AGENDA
5:30 PM Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 29, 2018
City Hall Meeting Room
904 10th Ave
Clarkfield, MN 56223

2024 EDA COMMITTEE DESIGNATIONS

Budget Committee:

- 1.
- 2.

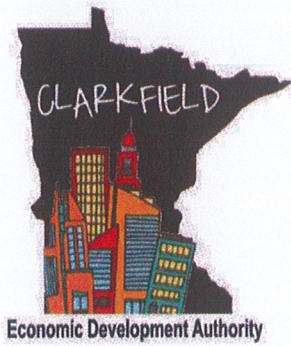
Apartment:

- 1.
- 2.

Business Retention & Expansion:

- 1.
- 2.

2024 - Clarkfield EDA Committee Assignments		
Name	Purpose	Members
Committees		
Budget	The purpose of this committee shall be to review an annual budget for the operation of the authority, to supervise expenditures and to secure financial aid from all available sources, whether public or private.	
Apartment	The purpose of this committee shall be to review on an annual basis the condition of the apartments, work with the Public Works department on issues concerning the apartments. To conduct an annual audit of the appearance and structure of the apartments. Coordinate with the EDA Director on apartment issues.	
Business Retention & Expansion	The purpose of the Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) committee is to proactively connect with existing Clarkfield businesses to understand and respond to local business needs. This committee shall be the first point of contact for the EDA's Revolving Loan Fund and for formulating business retention and expansion strategies in Clarkfield.	



Minutes

6:00 PM / EDA Regular Meeting

Monday, November 27th, 2023

City Hall Meeting Room

904 10th Avenue Clarkfield, MN 56223

A regular meeting of the Clarkfield EDA Board was called to order by EDA President Fritz at 6:00 PM, Monday, November 27, 2023, in the City Hall Meeting Room. Board members present: Sue Fritz, Brenda Risa, Jerry Kaupang, Lisa Tilney.

EDA Director : Jonathan Pierce, City Attorney: Janice Nelson.

Public: Craig Giles, Erik Gniffke, Betsy Pardick, Tim Pehrson

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ADDITION TO AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda Brenda, 2nd by Jerry.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry

No-

Motion Passes

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) 10/23/2023

Motion to approve minutes Brenda, 2nd by Lisa.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry

No-

Motion Passes

6) APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jonathan asked about returning or keeping an extra dishwasher. Board members indicated that we should keep it for future use.

Motion to approve bills Brenda, 2nd by Lisa.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry.

No-

Motion Passes

7) LOANS/APARTMENTS

a) Directors Report

EDA Director's Report
November 27, 2023 Meeting

- **Apartment Report**
 - Occupancy 16/16
 - 16/16 renters are paying on time.
 - 3 currently on the waiting list.
 - Care Center paid through October on November 1st
- **EDA Admin Fund #240. YTD**
 - Revenue - \$5,230.00
 - Expenses - \$2,189.96
- **EDA Revolving Loan Fund #245.**
 - Handeland Chiropractic Loan - \$20,410.50
 - Monthly Payment: \$357.75
 - Loan Balance: \$12,446.84
 - Comments: On Time.
 - Bailey's Custom Cap Loan - \$18,872.30 (as of the 2018 signed adjustment)
 - Monthly Payment: \$100
 - Loan Balance: \$14,522.00
 - Comments: Last payment 8/2023
- **EDA Apartment Fund #603. YTD**
 - Revenue - \$92,732.84
 - Expenses - \$63,470.99
- **EDA Checking Account Balance.**
 - \$ 90,972.12

Sue asked about the apartment expense tracking system that the office uses.

8) ALL OTHER BUSINESS

a) Erik Gniffke land sale

Erik would like to purchase 4.81 acres in the industrial park just off HWY 59 in order to plant corn as a demonstration for his seed business. He stated that he may build a warehouse in the future in order to store more seed and keep his operation close enough to share resources. The Board openly discussed the sale.

Brenda asked about whether or not this would be zoned commercial or Agricultural seeing as he won't be farming it for harvest but rather as a demonstration for his product.

Jon will have to look into the zoning of this to figure out how it is currently zoned.

Sue brought up the zoning work she had done with Dale Stringer when she was on Council said she would make some calls.

Janice Nelson reminded the board members that before they can vote to sell they must hold a public hearing on the sale.

Motion to look into zoning and move forward with sale of 4.81 acres Jerry, 2nd by Brenda.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry

No –

Motion passes

Erik asked if he could tile the land even if he continues to rent it. The board had no problems with that as long as he did it at his own expense.

b) Clarkfield State Bank Contract Signing

Janice went over the sale contract and the new addendum.

Jon addressed the addendum explaining that the gutter will be more difficult to repair than previously thought and that the easiest thing to do now will be spray foam the gap between the buildings so we can stop the leaking now before winter hits and then in the future the EDA can help repair the gutter as promised just later on.

The board members discussed the specific amount they were willing to spend on the gutter system and how long the offer would stand.

Motion to spray foam gap between state bank and drug store Lisa, 2nd by Sue

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry.

No –

Motion Passes

Motion to pay up to \$7000 towards gutter repairs including spray foam. Which would be good until November of 2025. Brenda, 2nd by Lisa.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry.

No –

Motion Passes

Sue read EDA Resolution 2023-2 aloud.

Motion to pass Resolution 2023-2 selling the Clarkfield State Bank Brenda, 2nd by Jerry.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry.

No –

Motion Passes

Tim and Betsy came up to the table and signed the contract along with Sue and Jonathan.

9) IDEAS & UPDATES

a) HRA inspections

Sue explained the reasons why the HRA does inspections on the EDA apartments for certain tenants who are being helped by the HRA.

b) Nursing Home Financials

Sue spoke about the Clarkfield Care Centers pool apartment that they rent from the EDA.

Asked whether or not we want to stop renting to the Care Center considering the delinquent rent.

The board members discussed this at length the consensus being that although they are behind on their rent we should continue renting to them because they are a valuable resource for the town. That being said we need to stay on them about their rent and assess the proper late fees as required.

c) Gutter update.

Sue – we already went over this while we were discussing the sale.

The board started discussing what would have to happen in order to sell the land to Erik Gniffke.

Jon – we need to have a special meeting in order to vote on a resolution to hold a public hearing.

Board members discussed which day would work best for everybody.

Special meeting 630 pm December 5th

Board members decided to close the meeting in order to discuss the price for EDA property.

Motion to close the meeting to discuss real estate sale Jerry 2nd by Brenda.

Yes – Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry.

No –

Motion Passes

10) Closed meeting Minn. Stat. § 13D.03; 13D.05, subd. 3

Closed at 7:30 PM

Reopened at 8:04 PM

11) ADJOURNMENT

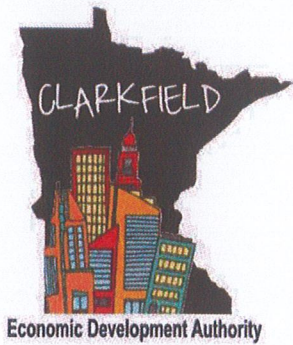
Motion to adjourn Brenda, 2nd by Lisa

Yes- Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jerry

No-

Motion Passes

Adjourned at 8:10 PM



Minutes
6:30 PM EDA Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
City Hall Meeting Room
904 10th Avenue Clarkfield, MN 56223

A Special Meeting of the Clarkfield EDA was called to order at 630 PM.

EDA Board in Attendance: Sue Fritz, Darrin Johnson, Jerry Kaupang, Lisa Tilney, Kevin Kaatz

EDA Staff: Jonathan Pierce

Public: Paul Anspach, Dale Stringer, Craig Giles

1) CALL TO ORDER

6:30 pm Special Meeting

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) AGENDA ITEM

- a) EDA Resolution 2023-4: Calling a public hearing for the sale of real estate.

Sue Fritz read the resolution calling for a public hearing for the sale of Tract 1 in the Industrial Park.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-4 Johnson, Kaupang

Yes – Kaatz, Tilney, Fritz, Johnson, Kaupang

No-

Motion passes

4) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the special meeting Johnson, Kaupang

Yes – Kaatz, Tilney, Fritz, Johnson, Kaupang

No-

Meeting adjourned 6:35 PM

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Payments

Current Period: January 2024

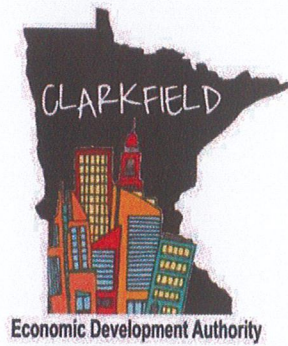
Payments Batch 011824 AP EDA \$45,793.99

Refer	0 CLARKFIELD ACE HOME AND HAR				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	FILTERS FOR WATERTOWER APTS		\$26.36
Invoice	2439				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	FILTERS FOR CARECENTER APTS		\$46.72
Invoice	2438				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	APPLIANCE BULB		\$2.99
Invoice	2469				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	Ace 9-Volt Alkaline Batteries 4 pk Carded		\$9.99
Invoice	2471				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	Tank to Bowl Bolts		\$28.17
Invoice	2562				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	PVC Toilet Supply Line		\$0.90
Invoice	2562 sp				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	Pivot bolts		\$16.77
Invoice	2439				
Transaction Date	1/18/2024		EDA Checking 603 10153	Total	\$131.90
Refer	0 FIRST INDEPENDENT BANK				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-46100	Interest	2017 B Housing Bond Interest Payment		\$3,869.25
Invoice	2017B				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-46000	Principal	2017 B Housing Bond Principal		\$41,000.00
Invoice	2017B				
Transaction Date	1/18/2024		EDA Checking 603 10153	Total	\$44,869.25
Refer	0 Great Plains Natural Gas				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-43800	Utility Services	708 13th Ave Apt 4		\$11.04
Invoice	5609 3				
Transaction Date	1/18/2024		EDA Checking 603 10153	Total	\$11.04
Refer	0 MENARDS-MARSHALL				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	White Top-Freezer Refrigerator Apt 4 804 5th st		\$729.00
Invoice	17348				
Transaction Date	1/18/2024		EDA Checking 603 10153	Total	\$729.00
Refer	0 SCS PLUMBING & HEATING				
Cash Payment	E 603-00000-42000	Supplies	Relief valve 800 5th st Apt 8		\$52.80
Invoice	1775				
Transaction Date	1/18/2024		EDA Checking 603 10153	Total	\$52.80

Fund Summary

	10153 EDA Checking 603
603 EDA Housing Operations Account	\$45,793.99
	\$45,793.99

Pre-Written Check	\$0.00
Checks to be Generated by the Computer	\$45,793.99
Total	\$45,793.99



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- **EDA Checking Account Balance.**
 - \$ 106,137.80
- **2023 Recap**

Fund 240

Revenue -\$5,230.00

Expenses - \$2,189.96

Fund 603

Revenue - \$102,594.84

Expenses - \$66,117.92

**CLARKFIELD EDA
COUNTY OF YELLOW MEDICINE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
January 22nd, 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2024-1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR CHECKING, SAVING ACCOUNTS AND
CERTIFICATION OF DEPOSITS**

WHEREAS, The FM Bank has been designated the depository for the Clarkfield EDA; and

WHEREAS, the bank requires a corporate resolution naming those persons authorized by the authority to sign checks drawn upon the account as may be used by the Clarkfield EDA; and

WHEREAS, those persons authorized by the authority shall have signature power on Certificate of Deposits; and

WHEREAS, those persons authorized by the authority shall have signature power on checking and savings accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Clarkfield EDA Board as follows:

SECTION 1. That the EDA Executive Director - Jonathan Pierce, and EDA President – _____, and the EDA Vice President - _____ are authorized to sign checks drawn upon the general checking and savings accounts of the above-named bank and that any combination of two of the authorized signatures be required for checks.

SECTION 2. That the EDA Executive Director, EDA President, and EDA Vice-President each are authorized to sign upon the safe deposit box of the above-named bank.

Adopted by the Clarkfield EDA Board, Minnesota this 22nd day of January 2024.

, President

ATTEST: _____
Jonathan Pierce, Executive Director

Apply for the Rural Capacity Program

November 27, 2023 ·



ABOUT CEDA

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CEDA TEAM

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

CEDA PARTNERS

Are you a small city with a population of 3,000 or fewer?
Are you dreaming of growth and development, and a brighter future?
The Rural Capacity Program is your opportunity to turn those dreams into reality!

Why should you apply? Because your city will receive support, resources, and expertise from CEDA to help you achieve your goals thanks to a special appropriation from the State of Minnesota. This includes:

- **Up to 150 hours of Technical Assistance: Covered by a special appropriation from the State of Minnesota**, along with up to **\$15,000 CASH** in the form of a grant to your city to help implement your program.
- **Expert Guidance:** CEDA's team of professionals will work hand-in-hand with your city to create a tailored plan that meets your unique needs.
- **Proven Success:** CEDA has a proven track record of helping small cities like yours thrive and prosper.
- **Strong Community Partnerships:** CEDA collaborates with local businesses, organizations, and government agencies to maximize the impact of our programs.

CEDA's tailored programs are dedicated to addressing the specific challenges faced by small communities like yours. CEDA will work with your city to develop and implement a tailored program that specifically addresses your city's needs and fits into one of the categories below:

Revolving Loan Funds: Jumpstart your local economy by offering low-interest, gap financing designed to support entrepreneurs looking to start or expand their businesses. Our expert team will guide you through the complex world of creditworthiness, finance and loan administration.

Commercial Exterior Improvement Grants/Loans: Enhance the beauty and vitality of your community by developing grants and loans. Whether it's sprucing up a specific area or beautifying the entire community, we can help you develop a program unique to your city's needs.

Business Incubation Programs: We know that nurturing new businesses is essential for growth. Our flexible incubation programs can help you offer rental subsidies, technical assistance, and educational support, making it easier for potential and new entrepreneurs to flourish.

Childcare Incentive Programs: Ensure a brighter future for your youngest residents by supporting existing or new childcare providers. The program we've developed assists

with licensure fees and continuing education, promoting increased capacity and higher-quality care.

Business Retention and Expansion Program: Building a strong local economy starts with understanding your businesses. Our program facilitates meaningful conversations with local businesses, helping you identify challenges, prioritize solutions, and seize new opportunities for growth.

Rural cities with limited staff, budget, and economic development experience are encouraged to apply. The purpose of this special appropriation from the State of Minnesota is to help the smallest and most rural cities in Minnesota take advantage of economic development opportunities in their communities! You do not need to have an EDA to apply. CEDA will make every effort to equally distribute grant awards throughout Greater Minnesota.

Have questions? Join us for a webinar via Zoom on December 12, 2023. Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

Deadline for applications is January 12, 2024.

APPLY HERE TODAY

Contact CEDA with any questions. 507-867-3164 or email amy.schaefer@cedausa.com

 News + Announcements



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Clarkfield: A Small Town with Big Recreation

If you're seeking a small, family-friendly community in the heart of Minnesota's premier farming region, Clarkfield should be at the top of your list. Though relatively small in size, Clarkfield has made a concerted effort to provide a vibrant and recreational environment for its residents.

Outdoor Paradise

Clarkfield boasts an array of recreational facilities, making it an outdoor enthusiast's haven. Explore multiple parks featuring playgrounds for family fun, a refreshing pool for those warm summer days, and engage in activities like frisbee golf and archery at dedicated ranges. In the winter, residents enjoy a manufactured snow hill and an ice rink, offering seasonal delights for all. Additionally, Yellow Medicine County, where Clarkfield is situated, is renowned for offering some of the best pheasant hunting experiences in Minnesota. The picturesque landscapes provide an ideal setting for outdoor enthusiasts and hunting aficionados.

Local Business Spotlight: Clarkfield Outdoors

Founded in 1983 by Berdette Schoep, Clarkfield Outdoors is your go-to destination for top-notch hunting gear, sportswear, workwear, and more. Specializing in premium clothing for all seasons, this proudly "Made in the USA" establishment has evolved from its humble beginnings to include wholesale and retail apparel and accessories for men, women, and children.

Summer Recreation Partnership

In the summer, Clarkfield collaborates with the University of Minnesota Extension Office to offer an enhanced summer recreation program for the city's families and students. Led by a 4-H Summer Intern and local 4-H volunteers, the program includes a variety of activities such as cooking/baking, archery, photography, STEM, gardening, and a swimming team.

Convenient Location

Clarkfield is conveniently located, being in commuting distance from Marshall and Montevideo. This provides residents with access to additional amenities and work opportunities.

Celebrating Community Spirit

For a small town, Clarkfield knows how to celebrate big. Annual events like Cardinal Days showcase the community's spirit with new activities added each year. From car shows and street dances to delicious local food offerings, free live entertainment, bingo, parades, and the coveted Medallion Hunt with a \$200 top prize – there's something for everyone. Also, Clarkfield's annual Halloween parade, where the community comes together for a lively procession, is a spooktacular tradition that adds to the community spirit.

Discover the charm of Clarkfield, where community, recreation, and celebration come together in the heart of Western Minnesota.