

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

HYBRID (VIRTUAL, TELEPHONE & *IN PERSON) MEETING (Pandemic)

***Hermantown Training Center**

Minutes

Members Present

*Dick Brenner, Chair
**Frank Jewell
**Wade Pavleck
**Allen Rasmussen
**Pete Walsh
*Ginny Storlie
**Mary Somnis
*Pam Franklin
*Paul Nevanen
*Tom Szukis

Representing

Carlton County
St. Louis County
Koochiching County
At Large, Treasurer
Lake County
Cook County
At Large
AAAA Advisory Comm
At Large
MIC Advisory Comm

Others Present

**Kristi Kane
**Ron Chicka
*Krista Mattila
**Sr. Mary Matthew Morrisroe
*Andy Hubley
*Richard Sarran
**Mike Wenholtz

Representing

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**V = Virtual

Members Absent

Terry Snyder	Itasca County
Don Niemi, V Chair	Aitkin County
Duane Hill	NEMNATP Advisory Committee
Jason Holliday, Sec.	NATC

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dick Brenner at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA** for approval of the following:
Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2021.
Motion by Allen Rasmussen/Frank Jewell to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.
- 3. RESOLUTION:** Authorizing ARDC to Accept Funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Arrowhead ElderCare Development Partnership (EDP) Project. (*Kristi Kane*)
Motion by Pam Franklin/Tom Szukis to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.
- 4. RESOLUTION:** Authorizing ARDC to Accept OAA funding issued through the American Rescue and Recovery Act. (*Kristi Kane*)
Motion by Allen Rasmussen/Paul Nevanen to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.
- 5. RESOLUTION:** Authorization to Accept Funds for Pre-Admission Screening in the Amount of \$277,375. (*Kristi Kane*)
Motion by Allen Rasmussen/Frank Jewell to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.
- 6. RESOLUTION:** Authorization of Loan Requests totaling Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) from ARDC's CARES Regional Revolving Loan Fund for PureDriven (Two Harbors, MN). (*Andy Hubley*)
Motion by Pam Franklin/Duane Hill to support. Motion carried unanimously as no members opposed or recused upon request.
- 7. REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) REPORT**

Director Hubley stated there are three new loans being signed this week. The Finance Director stated there are remaining funds to be lent out of the grant award, but the amount is decreasing. Of the outstanding loans, two are approved for deferral until July due to the pandemic, and one is being actively worked on for repayment.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director reviewed ARDC's May's financial reports. She noted the largest liability is due to compensated absences for unused employees' vacation and sick leave. She also noted ARDC is very close to budget per the Statement of Operations.

9. MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Management continues to meet frequently to ensure efficiencies and review building needs. In addition, an Operations meeting was held to discuss role clarification which resulted in great conversations.

ARDC Planning: Director Andy Hubley stated there are a ton of projects going on and the team continues to be very busy.

MIC: MIC Director, Ron Chicka, and Mike Wenholz, Senior Planner, gave a presentation highlighting the Central Entrance project, a large multi-modal corridor project. There have been two kickoff events which had great turnouts of both citizens and public officials. Surveys were conducted in-person and online soliciting feedback on issues such as traffic, safety, speed, and turns. The next step will be scoping and designs with MnDOT. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2026. For a copy of the presentation and/or results of the survey, contact rchicka@ardc.org or mwenholz@ardc.org.

Aging: Advisory Committee member Pam Franklin provided the following report from their last ACA Board Meeting held on June 8. At the meeting, Aging Director Kristi Kane reviewed the Area Plan and reported on the Public Meeting that was held prior to the Advisory meeting. Two people from the public were in attendance. A motion was carried to accept the 2022 Area Plan. She noted the Plan will be submitted to the Commission in July for approval. Goals discussed and recorded were: 1. Leveraging the experience, expertise and energy of older Minnesotans. 2. Equip older Minnesotans with tools to take charge of their health and make informed decisions about services when they need them. 3. Support families and friends in their care giving roles. 4. Support aging in community with access to a range of services and housing options. Gaps noted were transportation and affordable in-home services. Subcommittees that reported at the meeting were: 1. Review Task Force (for grant reviews) which will meet on Sept 14 prior to the ACA Board meeting. There is still a gap in representation from Aitkin and Cook Counties; 2. Nominations and Bylaws reported that they are seeking nominations from Koochiching, both southern & northern St Louis counties. Kirsten Cruikshank presented on "The Power of Passion – Social Connection Questions. The conversation and presentation revolved around sharing observations and concerns regarding social isolation. Also noted at the meeting was the request for nominations for the "Aging Impact Award". Georgia Lane is taking the nominations for "Who in "your" community is an "age-friendly" Agency or Service?"

During ARDC's Board meeting, Director Kristi Kane provided insight on MN State's potential shutdowns. Aging has been preparing in the event staff and grantees are affected. She shared some good news that Lake County's coalition has now been entered as the first "Age-Friendly" County in the Arrowhead region. Another Aging project they are currently working on is with Koochiching County regarding homelessness, an important topic being addressed State-wide.

10. There was nothing additional discussed or mentioned by Board members or guests.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Commission Meeting** – July 15, 2021 – Virtual
- **Board Meeting** – August 19, 2021 – Virtual/Hybrid/ARDC?
- **Board Meeting** – September 16, 2021 – Virtual/Hybrid/TBD?

12. ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. **Allen Rasmussen/Frank Jewell** to support.

Attest:



ARDC Chair



Krista Mattila, HR Mgr/Commission Coordinator