UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (UERPC)
BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2022 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Knight, Barb Collins, Ray Peterson, Roger Arthur, Leon Griebenow, Marty Stanbrough, Pat Murray, Tim Lecander, Peggy Lensing, Nina Taylor, and Shirley Vermace

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Koopman, Larry Schellhammer, Bonnie Basemann, Patti Ruff, Brett Devore, Jesse Maire, Alison Holten and Mark Vick

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachelle Howe and Diana Johnson

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was requested for approval of the agenda. A motion was made for approval by Taylor; seconded by Peterson. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was requested for approval of the meeting minutes of the May 26, 2022, meeting. A motion was made for approval by Vermace; seconded by Lensing. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS: Howe presented the list of disbursements from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 to the board for review. A motion was made by Collins; seconded by Knight to approve these disbursements for UERPC. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Howe also presented the treasurer's report to the board for review. A motion was made by Taylor; seconded by Lensing to approve the treasurer's report as presented. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SALE: Howe explained the property sale of the Postville office to Veterans Memorial Hospital. Discussion was had on what to do with the proceeds from the sale. A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Knight to table the decision until more information can be obtained after an energy audit is conducted on the Decorah building. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

CEDS: A copy of the draft five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) plan for the time period September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2027 was provided to the board for review. Discussion was held on the various items included in the plan. A motion was made by Vermace, seconded by Peterson to approve the five-year CEDS plan after revisions discussed were made. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER: Howe explained that Dylan Mulfinger has resigned as board member due to a conflict of interest in his ownership in a business pursuing UERPC revolving loan funds money. The Fayette County supervisors has since approved Jesse Maire to take the open position.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Murray explained the executive board had met recently to discuss additional compensation for Howe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: Howe had prepared a director's report and sent within the board packets. She highlighted her work on several grants, the CEDS plan, and the sale of the Postville building. She also discussed her meetings with Lansing and Waukon regarding fiber projects and Homes for Iowa being delivered in Fayette and Waukon.

FLOOR ITEMS: There was no floor items discussed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, with an Open House/Anniversary celebration to follow directly after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Stanbrough; seconded by Knight to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any corrections or omissions.

/s/ Diana Johnson, Recording Secretary