



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Richfield, Minnesota
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

EDA Present: Gordon Hanson, President; John Young; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Brett Stursa.

EDA Excused: Mary Supple.

Staff Present: Melissa Poehlman, Executive Director; Jan Youngquist, Economic Development Manager; and Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk.

3. OPEN FORUM

President Hanson gave instructions on how to participate in the open forum. No residents participated in the public comment opportunity.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: made by Stursa, seconded by Young to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting aye: Hanson, Young, Hayford Oleary, and Stursa.

Motion carried: 4-0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: made by Young, seconded by Stursa, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Economic Development Authority meeting of March 16, 2026.
Voting aye: Hanson, Young, Hayford Oleary, and Stursa.

Motion carried: 4-0

6. PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Director Poehlman presented the Consent Calendar.

- a. Consider a resolution supporting an application for Hennepin County Business District Initiative Program grant funds for wayfinding and placemaking projects downtown and authorizing the Executive Director to execute any associated agreements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 67
SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY BUSINESS DISTRICT
INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO EXECUTE ANY ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS**

MOTION: made by Young, seconded by Stursa to approve the Consent Calendar item 7a as presented.

Voting aye: Hanson, Young, Hayford Oleary, and Stursa.

Motion carried: 4-0

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Poehlman noted that the Business Resiliency Fund has been launched. She stated that 26 applications are currently in the pre-screening phase, with additional secondary review and loan processing underway. She also noted that staff have been distributing flyers to local businesses to promote the program.

13. EDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

The EDA Commission expressed excitement for the Business Resiliency Program.

14. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>March 16, 2026</u>
EDA Check (Check #'s 23867-23887)	\$33,399.00
TOTAL	\$33,399.00

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>April 20, 2026</u>
EDA Check (Check #'s 23888-23906)	\$14,731.25
TOTAL	\$14,731.25

MOTION: made by Young, seconded by Stursa, to approve claims as presented.
 Voting aye: Hanson, Young, Hayford Oleary, and Stursa.

Motion carried: 4-0


15. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:25 p.m.


Date Approved: May 18, 2026



 Michelle Friedrich
 City Clerk



 Gordon Hanson
 EDA President



 Melissa Poehlman
 Executive Director