

Vergas EDA/HRA
Government Services Center & Zoom
2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 2025

EDA/HRA Mission: Retain and promote business in our community, adding housing so that we prosper and increase our tax base, keeping Vergas a vital community.

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 2:00 pm in a hybrid meeting at the Vergas Government Services building and on zoom with the following members: DuWayne Ditterich, Paul Sonnenberg, Joy Summers, and Bruce Albright. Absent: Kevin Zitzow. Also Present: City Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; CEDA Representative Jordan Grossman; SBCA Representative Ian Carlstrom; Citizen Kevin Zitzow and Mayor Dwight Lundgren; Editor Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair DuWayne Ditterich at 2:00 pm.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Approve the agenda as presented.

Positions

Motion by Albright, seconded by Sonnenberg to elect DuWayne Ditterich as President, Bruce Albright as Vice President, Julie Lammers as Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Sonnenberg as Assistant Treasurer, and Kevin Zitzow and Joy Summers as Board Members. Motion passed unanimously.

Set Time, Place and Dates of Regular 2025 Meetings

Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Albright to keep the 2025 meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None.

Minutes

Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Albright to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

2024 and 2025 income and expenses were reviewed by Lammers.

New Business

SBDC – Ian Carlstrom

Carlstrom reviewed training they provided Oct. 17, 2024 on digital marketing and stated they will be doing another training this spring. They have worked with 6 Vergas clients and served 50 hours of support. Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Albright to donate \$2,000 to SBDC. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

CEDA Update – Jordan Grossman

- A. Grant Requests- no complete grant requests have been received at this time.
- B. Grossman updated the members on her grant time being almost complete and will provide a report on her work to include both the business retention and grant and daycare opportunities.

Vergas EDA lots on Eva and Diane

Summers stated there has been inquiries but no serious interest. Lundgren discussed senior living interest in Vergas. He talked about building mini homes of 350-400 square feet, houses and duplexes. He discussed funding from both the state and federal governments that could be applied for. Discussion lead to other building areas in Vergas. Committee requested Lammers get a proposal from Engineering firm regarding Mark Sand and Gravel land to find out the cost to build on the land, elevation of the land, ideas of what the land could be used for and how many acres are available to build on.

Donation Opportunities

Lammers informed the board she has reviewed donation opportunities with Brad Sinclair.

Adjourn

Motion by Sonnenberg, seconded by Albright to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Lammers, CMC

City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Vergas

Council Recommendations:

None.

Follow up Actions

Lammers contact Widseth Engineering about land.