Manchester Development Authority

Minutes

March 27, 2025

The Manchester Development Authority held a special called meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2025, at the MDA office 117 Callaway St. Manchester.

Board Members in Attendance were:

Solomon Ferguson, Glen Gosa, Jimmy Mitcham, Suzanne Bartels Pengelly, Beverly Wadsworth, Danny Wadsworth, and Atticus Mathis (via telephone).

1. Call to Order- Chairman Danny Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
2. Approval of March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Updated Bylaws

Ms. Sharpe went through the bylaws with the board members and discussed the changes that were made and reviewed by MDA attorney Nathan Lee. Suzanne Bartels Pengelly made a motion to approve the updated bylaws. Jimmy Mitcham seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Glen Gosa made a motion to leave the open session and enter Executive Session. Beverly Wadsworth seconded the motion. All were in favor. The board entered the Executive session at 1:50.

1. Executive Session

* Real Estate
* Personnel

Suzanne Bartels Pengelly made a motion to increase the pay of the Executive Director. Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Glen Gosa made a motion that the MDA investigate potential properties for the MDA to purchase and redevelop. Suzanne Bartels Pengelly seconded and all were in favor.

1. Adjourn

Solomon Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Danny Wadsworth seconding. All were in favor.

* Budget Committee Meeting to directly follow.

Budget Committee members present- Beverly Wadsworth, Solomon Ferguson, and Suzanne Bartels Pengelly.

MDA staff- Jodi Sharpe, executive director

Ms. Sharpe presented the committee with a proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Ms. Sharpe also gave the committee a list of projects that she would like to see the MDA work on this coming year with a focus on developing the Industrial Park and purchasing rail property. The committee discussed researching a better option for a business credit card that the MDA could consolidate instead of having two credit cards.

The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget will be presented at the April 17, 2025, board meeting.