

KANDIYOHI COUNTY AND CITY OF WILLMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2021

Via ZOOM Video Conference

Present: Matt Behm, Allen Huselid, Travis Jones and Les Nelson

Excused: Kerry Johnson (submitted vote via email)

Absent: Nick Dalton and Justin Schnichels

Guests: Larry Kleindl, Kandiyohi County Administrator and Jean Spaulding, Kandiyohi County CARES Act Coordinator

Staff: Connie Schmoll, Business Development Manager

Secretarial: Nancy Birkeland, Legal & Administrative Assistants, Inc.

Chairperson Matt Behm called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Minnesota Pandemic Relief (MPR) Grant Program. Connie Schmoll noted receipt of applications from Tier I businesses has slowed down. Jean Spaulding and EDC staff have contacted area fitness centers that have not applied for the program. Schmoll stated out of the six applications being considered today, two are for Tier II; she provided information on those businesses. To date, this committee has approved \$555,000 in grants out of the \$749,000 provided to the EDC from the county. Several Tier III and nonprofit applications have been received. Schmoll provided information on the grant applications for review today. The average years in business is 11, total full-time employees is 42 and average percentage of loss is 42%.

IT WAS MOVED BY Allen Huselid, SECONDED BY Les Nelson, to approve the recommendation of EDC staff to award Minnesota Pandemic Relief Grants to six businesses on the attached list (copy attached to the original minutes only due to the Data Privacy Act) for a total grant award of \$104,500. MOTION CARRIED.

Schmoll noted these grants will be forwarded to the County Board for approval at their next meeting.

NEXT MEETING—The next committee meeting is **12:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021** via ZOOM video conference.

ADJOURNMENT—There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m.