

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 23, 2021  
Via Teleconference**

**Present:** Matt Behm, Nick Dalton, Kerry Johnson, Travis Jones, Les Nelson and Justin Schnichels

**Excused:** Allen Huselid

**Staff:** Aaron Backman, Executive Director and Connie Schmoll, Business Development Manager

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

Chairperson Matt Behm called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 p.m.

**Willmar Child Care Center.** Backman noted this meeting is to discuss the Revolving Loan Fund loan to Willmar Child Care Center (WCCC). WCCC's license was approved by the state of Minnesota on January 1, 2021. Backman is proposing to use \$6,500 remaining in the EDC's Immigrant Business Disaster Relief Grant Program for unpaid bills owed by WCCC and a marketing/outreach campaign. Mid-Minnesota Development Commission has offered to assist with the marketing campaign. The other lenders support the EDC's proposal, including Southwest Initiative Foundation from which the original grant funds were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY Kerry Johnson, SECONDED BY Justin Schnichels, to approve using \$6,500 from the Immigrant Business Disaster Relief Grant Program for the following uses by Willmar Child Care Center: \$1,000 for marketing; \$5,500 for unpaid bills with the EDC disbursing the funds when presented with invoices. MOTION CARRIED with Les Nelson abstaining.

**Other.** Backman informed the committee of the American Rescue Plan Act that will disburse funds to counties and local government to be used for infrastructure projects. More information is anticipated in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**—There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:32 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**—The next committee meeting is **12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2021** via Zoom video conference.