

**CLEARWATER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2025**

**Call to Order: 8:04 a.m. at City Hall**

**Roll Call**

- President Crandall called the Clearwater EDA to order Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:04 a.m. in the Council Chambers. EDA Members present were Crandall, Massmann, Vasecka and Weatherly. Member Senn was absent. A quorum was present. Also present was City Administrator Smythe and Community Development Specialist Gramsey, and other members from the public.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- **MOTION** by Massmann to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Vasecka, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2025 Meeting**
- b. **Financial Reports**

- **MOTION** by Massmann to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Vasecka, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**3. Old Business**

**a. Frontage Road / Lot Discussion Update**

- Crandall stated the lot is no longer an option as it has been purchased by another party.
- Tom Plaggerman with Parts City Auto stated the existing plan from MnDot with the proposed center median is projected to lose 20% of his business. Plaggerman stated that it would be a significant loss as his business relies on impulse purchases.
- Shawn Dearing with Clearwater Tire and Auto stated he is for the roundabout on CSAH 75 and believes it will not affect customers.
- Neil Bhakta of HomeTown Inn stated he is concerned about how customers are going to access businesses affected. If access is not easy customers will go to the next town. Stated if the roundabout on CSAH 75 is not created he would go out of business.
- Crandall reiterated we are all in agreement safety is top priority. Stated he would like to continue with productive conversations on viable solutions to make this work.
- Alex Dvorak, Holiday gas station manager, stated the closing of the left turn onto Ash Street from T.H. 24 would significantly impact business.
- Smythe stated the most recent design from MnDot impacts the Ash Street crossing near Holiday. It will eliminate left turns onto Ash Street and only allow right-turns.
- Crandall stated there is nothing that can be done with Ash Street access as it is part of the bridge construction.
- Crandall suggested setting up a workshop for businesses to come together to discuss options. He encouraged businesses to attend the next EDA meeting to continue working on possible solutions.
- Bhakta questioned the status of phase 2 and if a roundabout on CASH 75 will be created.
- Smythe stated phase 2 is not yet funded. Currently the city is working with Wright County applying for funding and meeting with legislators trying to find solutions.

4. **New Business**

a. **EDA Message Board Fee Waiver Request – Clear Valley Business Connection**

- **MOTION** by Massmann to approve the fee waiver request, seconded by Weatherly, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

5. **Reports**

a. **WCEDP Report**

- Smythe stated she has spoken to Missy Meidinger, Executive Director of Wright County Economic Development Partnership, regarding Jeff Johnson’s plat for the corner of T.H. 24 and CSAH 7. Meidinger is coordinating with Wright County Economic Development Authority to try and find additional resources to help with the road costs.

b. **Staff Report**

i. **Website Updates**

- Gramsey stated she would like to update the EDA Board pictures and biographies on EDA Website. Requested Vasecka and Senn email their information to Gramsey. Will take pictures today.

ii. **Business Spotlight**

- Gramsey shared the Website Traffic Overview.
- June Business Spotlight will feature Taco Gringo. Gramsey met with Sean Lauer on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

iii. **Project List**

- Gramsey reported there was contact with the property owners last week regarding the Vinyl Welcome Signs. Still pending placement/permission for the remaining three signs.
- Crandall stated he would like to see some Business Retention/Expansion visits this year.
- Community Guide was sent out 4/14/25 to Patriot News.
- Regarding the Housing Improvement Program, Smythe stated that usually the block grant opens in the fall. Suggested reviewing the requirements this summer.
- Crandall noted that staff are working on a project for Earth Day.

6. **Next Meeting Date**

a. **Next EDA Meeting – May 20, 2025**

- Next meeting date confirmed for May 20, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

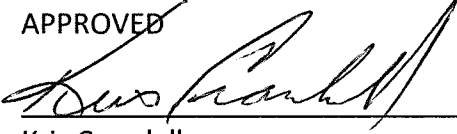
7. **Adjournment**

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Massmann, seconded by Vasecka, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

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Kimberlie Gramsey,  
Community Development Specialist

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Kris Crandall  
EDA President