

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. WEST BRANCH, MI ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 25, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Samantha Fabbri at 12:00 pm.

Present: Anthony Bair, Joanne Bennet, Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue,
and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Joe Clark, Erin Resteiner, and Ken Walters.

Others in attendance: Acting Secretary/City Manager John Dantzer

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**MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY RABIDUE, TO EXCUSE MEMBERS CLARK,
RESTEINER, AND WALTERS FROM THE MEETING.**

Yes – Bair, Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, and Zimmerman No – None

Absent – Clark, Resteiner, and Walters Motion carried.

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**MOTION BY RABIDUE, SECOND BY HUNTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM
THE MEETING HELD MARCH 28, 2023.**

Yes – Bair, Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, and Zimmerman No – None

Absent – Clark, Resteiner, and Walters Motion carried.

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Chairperson Fabbri reminded everyone about and gave updates on the Classy Chassis Car Show, Jeep Jam, and Art and Wine Walk events coming up.

Manager Dantzer introduced an MEDC Façade Restoration grant program and recommended having MEDC representative, Lindsey Miller, attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the program. It was the consensus of the Board to have Manager Dantzer contact Ms. Miller to set something up.

Manager Dantzer also noted the release of a grant that could be used for the Gathering Place called the Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP) 2.0. He noted the grant would cover 50% of the project costs. He wanted to get the Board direction on applying for this grant in addition to the MEDC CDBG grant they were already applying for. It was noted that if they were awarded both, they could respectfully decline this one because it

only pays 50% of the cost instead of 90%. It was the consensus of the Board to have Manager Dantzer apply for the grant on the Board's behalf.

Manager Dantzer provided a communication on banners.

Manager Dantzer gave an update on the estimated Houghton Ave project costs.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.