



Mitchell County Economic Development Commission

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Meeting Minutes: September 29, 2025

The Board of Directors for the MCEDC met in regular session on September 29, 2025, in person. Board members present: Roger Hemann, Larry Mork, Nathan Kinter, Paige Bartels. Staff present: Jenny Backer and Kayla Zimmerman. Guests: Betty McCarthy.

Roger Hemann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion made by Mork to approve the agenda; second by Kinter, all ayes, motion passed. Motion made by Bartels to approve July 28, 2025, meeting minutes, second by Kinter, all ayes, passed.

Director Backer provides treasurer's report of normal expenses. Mork moved to approve the July financial reports and August 2025 expenses; Second by Bartels; all ayes, motion passed.

Expenses approved:

Marco	176.65
Mitchell County: Health Insur	1522.00
VEIT: IT	392.21
Enterprise Media: Minutes	69.19
OMU	97.00
Webflow	96.46
Intuit	87.50
Mitchell County Recorder	53.56
Park Cedar Rapids	13.50
Dollar General.....	32.00

Director Backer reported attending Job Fairs, Resume Workshop, Mitchell County Fair to host a booth for MCEDC, and the Dungey's Open House. Backer also mentions attending the Professional Developers of Iowa Fall Conference and the Housing Iowa Conference. Backer has begun scheduling the annual BRE visits.

MCEDC Marketing Assistant Zimmerman reported completing all bookkeeping and payroll tasks needed. Zimmerman also attended meetings with NIRHA and a resume workshop. Reported continued work on Childcare Enhancement Program data and preparation of the FEMC 2025 grant cycle.

Discussion of the election of officers was tabled.

Backer reports that St. Ansgar is no longer paying dues and the EDC was not interested in paying them either. If the dues are not paid, then St. Ansgar does not hold a seat on the board. 10% admin fee per application of St. Ansgar citizen was discussed.

Backer reports that the Childcare Coalition recommends a county 1:1 \$200,000 match for all new funds pledged. Backer advised that the program is able to run through 2025 and most of 2026. It was noted that the state is not funding the pilot programs at this time. Motion to approve recommendation by Mork and second by Bartels. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guest Betty McCarthy provides public comment pertaining to the Bitcoin Mining letter of support that was written by Director Backer. Betty advised that the next meeting to determine application approval is October 23 and provides detail as to why the MCEDC should appose the project plan.

Motion by Bartels to adjourn at 6:11 pm, second by Mork, all ayes, motion passed.

Signed: Todd Frein Title: Chair Date: 10-27-25
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Signed: Jenny Backer Title: Exec Director Date: 10-27-25
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