

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Woods

Roll Call –

Present: Baker, Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Tossava, Woods

Absent: Albrecht, Wiswell

City Staff and Appointees: DeVries, King, Ponsetto

Others Present: Patterson

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Motion by Hatfield, second by Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes -

Motion by Hatfield, second by Baker, to approve the minutes as presented.

All ayes motion carried.

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said the budget has been updated through December 31, 2025. He also answered budget questions from the board.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said the façade grant and BEIG loan spreadsheets have been updated through December 31, 2025.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

8. Old Business-

A. Strategic Plan Update—

King gave the board an update on the strategic plan process and said the DDA's strategic planning retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

9. New Business

A. Snow Removal Discussion--

The board discussed current snow removal practices in the downtown business district and possible options for increased snow removal.

B. Holiday Decoration Discussion—

The board discussed changing the color of the bulbs on recently purchased Christmas decorations, so they match the decorations previously purchased. They also discussed purchasing additional decorations.

C. Part Time Labor for Core Downtown Maintenance—

The board discussed the possibility and options for hiring someone to do maintenance in the downtown business district including, but not limited to, weeding, picking up litter, and snow removal.

D. Annual Election of Officers—

Motion by Tossava, second by Peterson, to re-elect the current late of officers: Woods, chair; Hatfield, vice chair; and Button, secretary.

All ayes motion carried,

E. Façade Grant Reimbursement for 111 W. State Street--

The board was informed that the work was completed, approved by staff, and grant funds dispersed.

F. Façade Grant Reimbursement for 118 S. Jefferson Street--

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10. DDA Member Comment –

Woods read a letter from Carl Schoessel thanking the DDA for its support of the recent New Year's Eve ball drop and celebration.

The board also discussed that there are at least three downtown businesses that will soon be going out of business.

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Baker, second by Peterson, to adjourn

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Sandra Ponsetto, City of Hastings