

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Woods

Roll Call –

Present: Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie (mayor pro-tem), Wiswell, Woods

Absent: Albrecht, Button, Tossava

City Staff and Appointees: Hoke, King, Ponsetto

Others Present: Hatfield

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

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

All ayes motion carried

4. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Baker, second by Hatfield, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025, meeting.

All ayes motion carried

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said the budget data has been updated through August 31, 2025.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said the façade grant spreadsheet has been updated through August 31, 2025.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion –

Dave Hatfield said, as a county commissioner, he is always available to answer questions about what is happening in the county.

8. Old Business-

Woods said that while it was not officially added to the agenda under old business, she would like to know what progress has been made on the strategic plan.

King said he received a summary of the kick-off meeting from Double Haul Solutions yesterday afternoon and would forward it to DDA board members this afternoon.

9. New Business

A. Façade Grant Application for 118 S. Jefferson Street-

Motion by Hatfield, second by Wiswell, to approve the \$10,000 grant request

Ayes: Baker, Hatfield, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Abstain: Peterson

Absent: Albrecht, Button

All ayes, one abstaining, motion carried.

B. Jingle & Mingle Funding Request-

Hatfield, second by Peterson, to approve the Jingle & Mingle Committee's request for \$4,000 in support. After discussion Wiswell made a motion to amend the amount to \$5,500. The previous motion was amended, Resseguie seconded the new motion.

Ayes: Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent: Albrecht, Button

All ayes motion carried.

C. Wayfinding Sign Repair Expenditure-

Motion by Hatfield, second by Baker to approve the expenditure of \$6,340 for the repair and reinstall

a damaged Wayfinding sign.

Ayes: Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent: Albrecht, Button

All ayes motion carried.

D. Tree Replacement in front of 114 S. Jefferson Street-

Motion by Hatfield, second by Resseguie, to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,500 to replace multiple trees on S. Jefferson St.

Ayes: Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Schantz, Resseguie, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent: Albrecht, Baker

All ayes motion carried

9. DDA Member Comment –

King spoke to the board about the Michigan Department of Transportation's plans to resurface W. State Street from Broadway to Cook Road in 2028 and the opportunity for the DDA and the City Council to split the costs of creating a plan to enhance the roadway. Resseguie concurred.

Hatfield asked about the feasibility of installing small sun sails, awnings or umbrellas at the Spray Plaza.

The board asked for and received an update on the Copper Rock project.

Hoke said he was working with Outfront Media on developing designs for digital billboards and asked if the DDA Marketing Committee would like to meet to provide some input on content.

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Hatfield, second by Baker to adjourn.

All ayes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Sandra Ponsetto, City of Hastings