



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority  
Meeting Minutes for July 31st, 2025**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday July 31st, at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary C. Durley at 8:01 a.m. with Directors M. Weinrick, R. Caron, A. Clark, C. Klecha, and K. Kovacs present.

Absent: P. Sala

Motion to approve the absence of P. Sala made by M. Weinrick, K. Kovacs seconded; motion passed.

Unapproved absences: R. Stern and L. Rowland

Others in attendance were Tara Laase-McKinney DDA Executive Director, Sean Hobbins-Marquette Assistant City Manager, Jodi Lanciani-DDA Operations Director, Michael Bradford-DDA Business Outreach & Promotions Director, and Brian Shier-Farmers Market Manager.

**Agenda** - C. Klecha made a motion to approve the agenda, K. Kovacs seconded; motion passed.

**Public Comment** – An email from Margaret Brumm of 404 East Magnetic St. Marquette was read concerning her cigarette butt recycling program.

**New Business**

The interlocal agreement between the DDA and the City of Marquette Brownfield Authority was reviewed concerning the redevelopment of 401 W. Washington St. The project was presented to the board at the February 13, 2025 meeting and has since been revised to include 11 residential units with 9 intended to be rented at rates affordable to households at or below 120% of the Area Median Income.

C. Klecha made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Marquette Downtown Development Authority and the City of Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to authorize capture of all available tax increment revenue above the 12/31/2024 base taxable value by the Brownfield Authority for the redevelopment of 401 W. Washington Street, to reimburse eligible Brownfield Activity costs. M. Weinrick seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Budget**

T. Laase-McKinney summarized the income, expenses and capital outlay presented in the fiscal year 2026 budget. One item was added as an amendment to the budget, a \$2,500 expense for an employee

wellness program. The DDA recently learnt of an opportunity to work with ESI Employee Assistance Group to offer an employee assistance program. This is the same program offered to city employees and the DDA requests to amend the budget to include funds to offer this as well.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the 2026 budget with the addition of the \$2,500 for the Employee Wellness Program, K. Kovacs seconded, and motion passed.

**Board Member Comment:**

A. Clark no comment.

R. Caron no comment.

M. Weinrick congratulated the DDA on a successful Blueberry Fest. He felt the expansion was enjoyed by everyone and the festival was less packed throughout. He did not receive any negative feedback.

C. Klecha congratulated the DDA on compiling the budget. He was glad to see the addition of the Wellness Program.

C. Durley said everyone was doing a great job. He commented that it is super busy in town.

K. Kovacs said the budget will be presented to the city commission on August 7th. She also reminded the board that the revenue sharing agreement and TIF Plan 5 will be voted on by the city commission on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

C. Klecha mad a motion to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. K. Kovacs seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi Lanciani