



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes for September 11th, 2025**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday September 11th, 2025 at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board President R. Stern at 8:00 a.m. with Directors R. Caron, M. Weinrick, A. Clark, P. Sala, C. Klecha, R. Stern, C. Durley, and K. Kovacs present.

Absent: L. Rowland

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

Agenda

P. Sala made a motion to approve the agenda. C. Klecha seconded; motion passed.

Public Comment –

No public comment

Consent Agenda

K. Kovacs made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from 7/10/2025 and Minutes from 7/31/2025 Special Budget Meeting, bills for approval dated 7/1/2025 – 8/31/2025 and financial reports as of 8/31/2025. P. Sala seconded; motion passed.

July Bills:

#9 Farms	90.00	Mares-Z-Doats Feed Supply	854.36
ACA Jumps	250.00	Marquette Maple Company	286.00
Advance Auto Parts	336.56	Marquette Monthly	825.00
Airgas	5.12	Marquette Wallpaper & Paint	90.99
Aries Wild Blueberries	309.00	Midway Rentals	1,259.25
Bakery Barn Yooper Yummies	11.00	Mining Journal	960.00
Beechgrove & Blacksmith	200.00	Nagelkirk Landscapes	12,981.17
Big Creek Farm	33.00	New Dalton Farm	775.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	102.86	North Country Disposal	439.00
Board of Light & Power	2,039.84	Pileated Farms	79.00
C. Pesola LLC	1,850.00	Pitney Bowes	343.91
Capital One Commercial	634.88	Premeau Family Limited	935.00

Card Connect	54.95	Pileated Farms	171.00
Cardmember Service	8,317.85	Pomp's Tire Service	350.26
Case Country Farm	605.00	Range Telecommunication	1,356.44
Charter Communications	80.00	Seeds and Spores	4,129.00
Chesla & Associates PC	310.00	SEMCO	112.90
City of Marquette	30,720.04	Shady Grove Farm	95.00
Copeman, Jenn	75.00	Shirley's Suds	35.00
Curran & Company	762.49	Signs Now	107.93
Dalco	727.43	Small Batch UP	25.00
Dead River Coffee	26.00	Snowy Acres Vegetable Farm	629.00
DLP Marquette Physician	90.00	Stormbruke Trading Post	10.00
Doozers	25.00	Summit Fire Protection	116.67
Evan Archambo	75.00	Superior Culture	33.00
Ever Yielding Acres	964.00	Swanzy Farm	755.00
Fairest Promises	343.00	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	1,900.00
Farmer Lake Hydroponic	329.00	The Remnants	75.00
French-tastic	5.00	Tonella Farms	506.00
Freshwind Farms	101.00	Traffic & Safety Control	950.00
Full Plate Farm	2,817.00	Traunik Farm	259.00
Gladstone Berry Farm	1,404.00	U.P. Kubota	943.92
Going Small Farm LLC	10.00	Uline	345.19
Guindon Farms	1,310.00	UP Gourmet	1,265.00
Heartland Services	2,702.66	UP North Roast	20.00
Honey Haven Baking Co.	29.00	Vestis	347.86
Incredible Bank	139,419.00	VSP Insurance Co.	57.97
Integris	288.32	Wellspring Farm	550.00
J and H Forest Farm	10.00	Western Michigan Health	4,009.13
Jesse Wright	145.00	Wolverine Door	312.00
Kerry Yost	200.00	Xerox Corporation	467.36
Lily Venable	1,150.00	Yooper Country Farms	1,324.00
Little Parsley Farm	1,031.00	Payroll Costs & Benefits	58,679.48
		TOTAL	285,030.25

Old Business – No old business

New Business

1. Marji Gesick Event Support

- a. The event request is for Saturday September 20th, from 5:00 am to September 21st, at 8:30 am.

Farmers Market Manager's Report –

1. There are three more months of the Farmers Market, including a market for Thanksgiving week and Yule markets in December.
2. So far, over 150 pounds of food have been donated in connection with the Harvest Fund.

Public Comment:

1. **Todd from 906 Adventure Team:** Todd invited people to learn more about the Adventure Team. They are hosting three events that pump over one million dollars into the community, spread across 17 counties, and working with thousands of kids.
2. **Lake Superior Performance Rally:** Promoted their event.

Board Member Comment:

R. Caron- No comment.

M. Weinrick – Excited for the rally coming to downtown.

A. Clark – Diversity is important in our events.

P. Sala – A nod to an upcoming film at Fresh Coast featuring Native American Culture.

C. Klecha – Excited about the spirit of collaboration for events in this town.

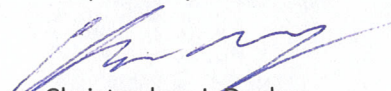
R. Stern – Likes that M. Bradford is tracking the attendance for events so we can use that data to answer questions and concerns.

C. Durley – No comment

K. Kovacs - The city is following the state budget closely. One thing worth mentioning is the support from MEDC. They have historically made very important investments and have been a strong partner in development in Marquette.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52. Motion to adjourn made by C. Klecha, seconded by A. Clark.
Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher J. Durley