



**MARQUETTE CITY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE AUTHORITY (LDFA)
Monday, January 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:57 p.m. by Leslie Hartman.

Roll Call: Brian Cherry, Leslie Hartman, Jim Hewitt, Bruce Heikkila, Stacy Boyer-Davis, and Mark Canale.
Excused absences: Steve Adamini.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by made by Cherry, seconded by Canale. Approved unanimously.

Election of Officers: Leslie Hartman, Chair, Jim Hewitt, Vice Chair, and Brian Cherry, Secretary. Motion made by Mark Canale, supported by Bruce Heikkila. Approve unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: George and Jill Van Straten (X3 Energy) discussed a potential development with Ford and others. And they plan to use the SmartZone to help with development and locate in Marquette.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from the October 17th meeting approved. Motion made by Hewitt, Seconded by Heikkila. Approved unanimously.
2. Joe Thiel provided an update on Innovation Marquette Enterprise-SmartZone Financial Report and Operations. Joe discussed key metrics, outcomes, services, policy (client success fee), policy (building sublease), and financials. Heikkila asked questions about Invent NMU and requested more of a breakdown of clients that are located in the LDFA Zone. Boyer-Davis asked about the next area(s) of focus. Joe indicated sustainable tech and creative tech.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Comments from LDFA Board members: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:04