

**EDA
Minutes
April 16, 2026**

The Owatonna Economic Development Authority met in regular session at 4:00 pm in the Charles S. Crandall Center – Chambers at City Hall with President Voss presiding. Commissioners present: Dan Boeke, Dave Burbank, Corey Mensink, and Doug Voss. Commissioners absent: Andrew Cowell and Brian Savage. Also present were Troy Klecker, Brad Meier, Sean Williams, Glenda Smith, Dave Beaver, and Kristen Kopp.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Boeke moved approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting with second by Commissioner Burbank. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Community Development Director Troy Klecker presented the revenue and expense reports for March. He said we still owe Tourism and OPED first half contract payments. A motion was made by Boeke and seconded by Mensink to approve the Treasurer's Report. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Loan Report. OABDC Director Sean Williams presented the Loan Report for March. He said all loans are current. Klecker said that Abdo is going through the Loan Report as not everything was tracking in the system. He said that Uncaged had a Tier 1 and a Tier 2 Low Doc Loan but have sold the business. We have a lien on their personal house as collateral on that loan. They continue to make payments and we won't notice anything on our end. A motion was made by Burbank and seconded by Mensink to approve the Loan Report. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

OACCT /OPED Report. OACCT Director Brad Meier presented the OACCT Report for March. He said the Spring Made in Owatonna Day is coming up later this month. He said that REJournal's awards event has Owatonna nominees: Marthaler Honda, Olmsted Medical Center Owatonna (City of the Year), Greg Kurschke (Developer of the Year), and Wastewater Treatment Facility. There are five projects in the pipeline and they are working on City-owned buildings downtown.

MainStreet. OACCT Director Brad Meier was present to answer questions on the MainStreet Report in Lisa's absence. He said she is at the National MainStreet Conference this week, which is why she is not here.

Tourism. Tourism Director Glenda Smith presented the Tourism Report. She said they had a Tourism kick off in January. They added digital advertising in April. Steele County Fairgrounds acquired Smokin' in Steele and they are taking it to the next level. They are working with six restaurants on the downtown group tour. She gave an update on Google Analytics.

OABDC Report. OABDC Director Sean Williams presented the OABDC Report for March. He said the Craft Apothecary is up and running for Sunday Crafternoons. He gave an update on the Minnesota Angel Investor Network. He said that they booked a Makerfaire for June 12, 2027.

They started working on their new Owatonna Business Incubator Program. He said that they are way up on occupancy and consulting. He gave an update on the Commercial Incubator downtown. They are hoping for a grand opening in mid-May for the interior, but the shops won't be ready. The shops are being built out of the incubator building.

Airport. Airport Manager Dave Beaver presented the quarterly Airport Report. He said the Airport has been busy. He said aviation is pretty healthy right now. Jet activity up over last year, more because of corporate aviation. He said flight training is anticipated to be elevated the next five to ten years. They want to continue to work with the flight school. He highlighted strategies to accommodate growth including maintaining high-quality training hub, working with the flight school on opportunities to grow, and hangar development. The Civil Air Patrol Fly-in Breakfast is on May 17. Ulland Brothers is under contract for parking lot reconstruction and will start on May 18.

EDA Projects. Community Development Director Troy Klecker presented the EDA Projects for March. He said that they are on the last stages of getting the purchase agreement ready for the property in front of the Cemstone property. They continually have people going through Bubba's and 117 West Bridge Street. They are looking to do improvements to both of those buildings. They will be putting a scope of work together and bring it back to the EDA. They are looking into a marketing plan and are getting help from the Chamber. Glenda put together some renderings of what the interior of the spaces could be. They will try to promote them on Downtown Thursdays as well, potentially having them open to the public. He said that they will have to have a discussion on the 148 West Main Street property as there has not been interest in it. There was some discussion about demolishing the building and what that would entail because utilities to the surrounding properties run through that site. What would make the most sense is to time this with the Main Street reconstruction, which is probably going to happen summer of 2027. He said they closed on the Kreco Car Wash.

Old Business. There was some discussion on the corner of Main Street and Oak Avenue.

Schedule Next Meeting. The next EDA meeting is scheduled for **May 20, 2026** at 4:00 pm in Charles S. Crandall Center – Chambers at City Hall.

Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Boeke and seconded by Burbank to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 pm. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion passed.