

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
February 11, 2025**

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:39 pm by Village President Robert Piaskowski.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Anthony, Eric Brown, Gavin Frederick, Jon Ligrow, and Village President Robert Piaskowski

ABSENT: Misty DeLong, Tyler Erla, Andrew Klco, David Weiler

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Debbie Powell, Director of Community Development Melanie Radabaugh, Administrative Assistant Linda Miller

Guest: Stacy Anthes, Cass City Chamber of Commerce

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025, meeting was made by Brown and supported by Ligrow. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the January 31, 2025, Financial Report was made by Brown and supported by Anthony. Motion Carried.

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Stacy Anthes represented the Cass City Chamber. She mentioned the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner is scheduled for April 25, 2025. Nominations can be returned to the Chamber Administrator's desk. The Chamber has made the decision that they will no longer oversee the Farmers Market, and they have canceled their liability insurance.

DDA 2025 Projects: Last month Christine Anthony gave a presentation on possible tables, chairs and bike racks for businesses to place on the sidewalks in front of their businesses. It was mentioned there are grant funds available that would help in covering the cost of these items. The Pinney Foundation has a March 1st deadline.

Motion by Ligrow and supported by Brown to have Radabaugh work on grants to purchase tables, chairs and bike racks for the downtown businesses. Motion Carried.

Cass City Farmers Market: Several merchants were present to voice their interest in keeping the Farmers Market going. They would like to move the day to Wednesday and have the hours from 2 to 7 pm and go from June 4th to August 27th. They have six seasonal vendors signed up to participate and several weekly drop in vendors. This would be a Co-Op set-up and they would take turns putting out the weekly signs for the market.

Since the Chamber is not sponsoring the Farmers Market, Manager Powell asked if the DDA is interested in sponsoring this. After some discussion, it was decided to have Manager Powell check with the Insurance Agent for the Village to find out if the Umbrella Policy will cover the Farmers Market or if an additional insurance rider would be necessary.

Cultural Center Building Update: The Cultural Center Building is owned by the DDA. Someone is interested in buying the building and making repairs and updates to use the first and second floors for apartments and a business and a small museum on the first floor also.

Motion to adjourn at 2:17 pm was made by Brown and supported by Anthony. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda W. Miller

Administrative Assistant