

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**May 9, 2023**

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Kranz.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Brown, James Kranz, Amy Peters, Geraldine Prieskorn, David Weiler, Tuscola EDC Director Steve Erickson and Village President Dan Delamarter.

EXCUSED: Tyler Erla, Joey Kreeger, and Jon Ligrow

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Clerk Nan Walsh, Administrative Assistant Linda Miller

**Motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting by Prieskorn and supported by Peters. Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comments: Several citizens voiced their opinion on the Cultural Center Building and their wishes to preserve the building and its history for Cass City. They presented signatures of 210 citizens in favor of preserving the building.

Financial Report: Village Clerk/Treasurer presented the Financial Report highlighting the current status of the fund balance and alerting the board members on the activity for the remainder of the year.

**Motion to approve the April 30, 2023, Financial Report was made by Brown and supported by Peters. Motion Carried.**

Tuscola County DDA Report – Steve Erickson, Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Director, mentioned they cannot demolish the Cultural Center Building because it is too risky. They will write a proposal for grant money to stabilize the building. This would cover the expense of fixing and coating the bricks and replacing the roof. Steve also mentioned the dam project and the Nestle Building projects are both moving forward.

Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Cultural Center Building: The Village Staff secured the back area of the Cultural Center Building with plywood and fenced it off.

Responses to Window Cleaning Letters: There were only a few responses for interest in requesting information regarding Window Cleaning, Window Clings, and Window Staging.

Tuscola County community foundation Grant for Cultural Center: The Tuscola County community foundation sent a reply that \$100.00 was awarded from the Anne S Laethem Fund for supplies to repair and maintain the Cultural Center entrance. Due to extenuating circumstances with the building, the grant was declined.

**Motion to decline the grant for \$100 from the Tuscola County community foundation was made by Weiler and seconded by Prieskorn. Motion Carried.**

The marketing of Downtown Businesses and Economic Development Strategy discussion has been postponed to next month's meeting.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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