



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Jarod Albers, Derek Downer, Lori Harding, Jason Weiss

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel, Randy Heitmann

Others Present: Mayor David Gunderson, Melissa Jackson

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: The Board reviewed the January financials. A motion was made by Jason Weiss, seconded by Lori Harding, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report.

Sales tax financing – Mayor Gunderson reported that after review, collectively since 2020 the ED budget is off by roughly \$78,000 in excess. Sales tax had been calculated incorrectly and that money should go back to the City’s water fund. The ED Board requests further information and calculations regarding this before making adjustments to this year’s budget.

A motion was made by Jarod Albers, seconded by Derek Downer, to move the appointment of Jo Lee Ebbers to the ED Board to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Butler Memorial Library internship application. A motion was made by Jarod Albers, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to approve the application. Derek Downer and Jason Weiss abstained. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

M. Jackson presented January social media statistical results.

Public Comment:

The group held discussion on apartment buildings, roads and TIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.

**Economic Development Foundation Annual Meeting
February 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 pm.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Jarod Albers, Derek Downer, Lori Harding, Jason Weiss

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel, Randy Heitmann

M. Jackson gave a financial report.

The Board discussed the annual tax return and a quote from a Kearney CPA. Discussion was tabled until the March meeting. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.