EDA Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2026, 7:00 PM
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Pederson.

   Present: Hunter Pederson, Shawn Harms, Sam LaRose, Vic Schwartz, Mark Wentzlaff, Denise Schuft.

   Absent: None.

   Also Present: Mayor Shane Sheets-ex-officio, Harrison De Boer-guest.

   Staff Present: EDA Director Amy Soeffker, City Clerk Diane Hatlestad

2. Approve/deny October 5, 2026, agenda- Motion by Pederson to approve the October 5th agenda, seconded by Harms. Motion carried.
3. Approve/deny September 14, 2026, minutes- Motion by Schuft to approve the September 14th minutes, seconded by Wentzlaff. Motion carried.
4. Bills & Communication: RLF Balance $19,700.49
5. Monthly Reports/Updates:
   a. Mayor's Report – Heritage Day was a success.
   b. Council Liaisons Report – none.
   c. School/Bond update – The City closed on the foreclosed property on September 30, 2026.

6. Old Business
   a. BRE Visits – LaRose was unable to get her businesses to fill out the forms. Soeffker recommended interviewing them instead.
   b. Housing Needs Assessment: draft scope, model study, and data collection framework (Comprehensive Plan, p. 79; 2026 EDA goal), target completion date September 30, 2027 – Approved by the City Council.
   c. Minnesota Basic Code, Title 11 Business Regulations, review of Chapters 113 through 117 – The EDA reviewed the chapters.
      - Chapter 113, Peddlers and Solicitors – The EDA recommended background checks.
      - Chapters 114 and 115, Reserved – No action.
      - Chapter 116, Regulating Lawful Gambling – The EDA recommended striking the whole section.
      - Chapter 117, Garage or Rummage Sales – No changes.
   d. HSIP grant application, due November 25, 2026 – Soeffker has an ArcGIS map for the application. Mayor Sheets and Soeffker will meet with County Engineer Tim Becker.

e. Wide Open Marine ribbon cutting, Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm – Mayor Sheets will bring the ribbon and scissors.

7. New Business

a. Heritage Festival wrap-up – Members said the park was a nice, good place for the festival and to keep it there. Food vendors did well.

- Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) Small Town Grant closeout report, due November 24, 2026:
  - Estimated number of people in attendance: 200
  - Estimated number of volunteers involved: 20
  - Impact on our community: Significant. The festival brought in new people and benefited the community.
  - Plans for next year: Combine with the Clover Leaf Concert Series. $12,500 was spent on this year's festival.

8. P&Z Update

a. Minnesota Basic Code, Title 15 (Land Use) – P&Z is reviewing the P-1 District.

9. Board and Director Comments

a. Clover Leaf Concert Series update – The final concert, Sunday, October 11, 2026, with Up South Band at the Irish Yard, was moved to 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

b. Newsletter updates – The newsletter is out. The next newsletter will feature the Heritage Festival.

c. Other comments – Committee openings will be listed in the newsletter.

10. Adjournment – Motion by Harms to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm, seconded by Schuft. Motion carried.

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EDA Director Amy Soeffker EDA President Hunter Pederson

Upcoming Meetings:
EDA, Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM