

**State of Iowa  
City Development Board  
Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023  
Iowa Economic Development Authority  
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Helmick Conference Room  
Des Moines, Iowa**

**Call to order 1:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present**

Dennis Plautz, Board Chairperson  
Jim Halverson, Board Vice Chairperson  
Chris McKee  
Mari Bunney  
Mackenzie O’Hair

**Others Present**

Matt Rasmussen, Administrator, City Development Board  
Betty Hessing, Administrative Assistant, City Development Board  
Eric Dirth, Iowa Department of Justice  
Vicky Clinkscales, IT Department, IEDA  
Laura Skogman, Future CDB Member  
Kesha Billings, Associate Planner, City of Marion  
Amy Beattie, Brick Gentry P.C.  
Eric Jensen, Director of Community Development, City of Ankeny  
Alex Pfaltzgraff, Development Services Director, City of Grimes  
Lori Judge, IDOT\*  
Anthony Volz, IDOT\*  
Nathan Aronson, IDOT\*  
Bob Rice, Director, Polk County Public Works Department\*  
Christopher Higgins, The Des Moines Register\*  
Nick Gral, Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C., Legal Counsel for City of Grimes\*  
Matt Farver, DRA Properties\*  
Ashley Johnson, DRA Properties\*  
Justin Moore, Planner, City of Ames\*  
Amanda Madison\*  
Ryan Parker\*  
Todd Frazier\*  
Michelle, JJJ, BF, Guests\*

*\*Participated via Teams Webinar*

**Introduction by Chair Dennis Plautz**

**Roll Call by Matt Rasmussen, Board Administrator**

All Board members were present.

**Request for amendments to agenda**

Chairperson Plautz stated that we do have a change to the agenda; the City of

Tiffin has requested withdrawal from today's agenda. Matt Rasmussen replied that the property owner and the city were in some negotiations so they requested the petition be withdrawn from the agenda today.

Motion by Mari Bunney  
Motion I move to approve the agenda subject to the withdrawal of 'New Business—UA23-05'.  
Second Mackenzie O'Hair  
Roll Call All ayes. Motion approved.

### **Consideration of March 8, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mari Bunney  
Motion I move the Business meeting minutes of March 8, 2023 be approved as printed and distributed.  
Second Mackenzie O'Hair  
Roll Call All ayes. Motion approved.

### **Staff Reports**

Matt Rasmussen stated he expects to have a couple items on the agenda for next month. Matt Rasmussen thanked Mari Bunney and Mackenzie O'Hair for their service on the Board. It has been a pleasure having you on the Board. Mari Bunney stated it has been an honor to serve and Mackenzie O'Hair stated that Matt Rasmussen and Betty Hessing are wonderful to work with—thank you so much. Chairperson Plautz also thanked Mari Bunney and Mackenzie O'Hair for their service.

Eric Dirth gave an update on the two cases that are continuing to move. First, the City of Dubuque matter, which was briefed and argued in March; we are waiting on the District Court's decision. The second case is Chris and Christy Schuling versus the City Development Board. We are currently waiting on a decision from the City of Altoona's Motion to Intervene. They would be joining us on our side of the case as another respondent. So those cases, we are just waiting on the Judge's orders.

Mari Bunney stated she did want to thank everyone for the help, insights and education that you have provided over the past four years. It has been an honor to serve and I have learned a lot about city development that I would not have known otherwise. Chairperson Plautz and Jim Halverson thanked Mari Bunney. Mackenzie O'Hair stated you folks have been wonderful to work with and yes, a lot of things I would not have known before being on this Board. Thank you for everything.

Chairperson Plautz stated we have three public hearings today, so with that our business meeting is adjourned.

**Future Meeting**      May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., City Development Board  
Business Meeting at IEDA, 1963 Bell Ave., Suite 200,  
Helmick Conference Room, Des Moines or via Teams  
Webinar

**Adjourn**              1:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Hessing, Administrative Assistant