

**MEETING OF THE
DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.
VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES
SECTION 13D.021**

MINUTES

Please take notice that the Duluth Economic Development Authority will hold a public hearing by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 on Friday, September 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. All persons interested may monitor and participate in the hearing by visiting: <http://dulutheda.org/live-meeting> promptly at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020, and written comments may be submitted to DEDA in advance of the meeting via the DEDA's web site at <http://dulutheda.org/contact-us/> or via email at cfleege@duluthmn.gov, and DEDA will decide if the conveyance is advisable.

The regular meeting place of DEDA is the Duluth City Council Chambers at City Hall, 411 West First Street, in Duluth, Minnesota. At this time board members of DEDA do not intend to attend the meeting in person; due to continually evolving restrictions and guidance from state and federal officials and agencies, the board members of DEDA will attend the meeting remotely via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The September 18, 2020 meeting of DEDA was called to order by President Cartier at 12:03 p.m.

Present: Roz Randorf, Zack Filipovich, Matt Cartier, Derek Medved,

Others Present: Amanda Anderson, Theresa Bajda, Chad Ronchetti, Chris Fleege, Robert Asleson, Brad Bullard

Absent: Tim McShane

2. PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION 20D-59: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BORESIGHT, INC. FOR USE OF THE MRO FACILITY

Staff: Director Fleege indicated this opportunity was brought to City Staff last week. Boresight toured the MRO facility previously and reached out last week to discuss the potential to lease the facility if they are selected for work that would require a sizeable facility like the MRO. Introduced CEO of Boresight, Brad Bullard.

Brad Bullard indicated they are seeking to do F16 plane maintenance that is typically done by Air force members, but this is an opportunity for them. This lease is dependent on them successfully being chosen after bid decision made.

Bob Asleson indicated that they do not have a contract and the lease is contingent upon Boresight giving notice that they are successful in getting the bid. The lease would in effect terminate if not selected. There are a great deal of unknowns, but part of the bid process was Boresight showing they had a facility to lease should they be selected.

Discussion: Commissioner Filipovich thanked Mr. Bullard for his time and expressed excitement and appreciation for this type of work at the MRO facility. Wished Boresight the best of luck in securing the contract.

Vote to Approve Resolution 20D-59: Roll call vote: Cartier, Filipovich, Medved, Randorf (Filipovich, Randorf) Passed Unanimously (4-0)

6. DISCUSSION

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Fleege reminded Commissioners of the regular DEDA meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at which time Deputy Director Adam Fulton would facilitate.

8. ADJOURNMENT: President Cartier adjourned the September 18, 2020 Special meeting of DEDA at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Fleege
Executive Director