



Ewart Downtown Development Authority

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Director, Todd Bruggema

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REGULAR DDA MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Depot located at
200 S. Main St. Ewart, MI 49631

1. Meeting was called to order by Bengry at 4:00pm
2. Attendance: Present: Alan Bengry, Todd Bruggema, Erica Henry, Pepper Lockhart, Brian Youngs, Cory Juliano and Teijin Wing
Absent: none
3. Introduction of Guests: Angela Hunter and Mark Sochocki
4. Citizens' Comments- none
5. Approval of Agenda – Approved as Presented
6. Approval of Minutes from Regular meeting March 11,2025- moved to next meeting
7. Approval of vendor's list - Moved by Youngs, supported by Lockhart to approve the Vendors list for March 2025 in the amounts of \$76,248.87 for the DDA and \$0.00 for the Farmers Market. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Results: Carried
8. Treasurer's Report: Nothing additional
9. President's Comments- none
10. Committee Updates

Economic Vitality and Design

- a. Farmers Market: Contract signed for the next Farmers Market signed with Angela. Farmers are getting signed up for WIC and Senior Fresh. We got a food safety grant for \$1000.00. June 14th is the first market.
- b. Pop-up: no interested business at this time, possibly list building for sale in the future
- c. Business Recruitment Primer - no updates
- d. Benches/Hitching post – waiting to hear back from the grants

Promotion and Organization

- a. Shop Local – nothing new
- b. Summer Arts Series – Jake Slater in June is booked so far.
- d. Volunteers/Board Recruiting – always be looking

11. Old Business

- a. Bump Out Maintenance – looking for a group or multiple groups to be in charge of these.
- b. River St/Fire Dept – still working on the legal wording.

12. New Business

- a. 2025 snapshot of Ewart – Todd gave us the handout to look over
- b. 25/26 Budget – Proposed Budget was handed out to look over.
- c. Trees by Museum – they were removed and will have to replace them with something at some point.

d. Downtown District Scorecard – Fill out and return to Todd for the next meeting

13. Director's Comments: nothing more

14. City Manager's Comments: Surplus properties in the industrial park – updating them and will be promoting them.

15. Citizens' Comments: none

16. Adjournment

Moved by Youngs, supported by Juliano to adjourn

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Results: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm submitted

by Erica Henry