

Pipestone, Minnesota
July 7, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the city council chambers at Pipestone City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the 7th day of July 2025. Mayor Dan Delaney called the meeting to order. Members present: Dan Delaney, Danielle Thompson, Rodger Smidt, and Verdeen Colbeck. Others present: Robin Weis, EDA Director Justin Schroyer, City Engineer Travis Winter via Zoom, Public Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, Assistant City Administrator-Clerk Stephanie LaBrune, and City Administrator Deb Nelson.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the special meeting was to hold a work session to discuss the US EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental grant program. He then invited guest, Robin Weis with the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) to give a presentation on the federal grant program.

Weis explained that the SRDC serves as the Economic Development District (EDD) for the nine counties in southwest Minnesota. She stated following a notice of funding opportunity that came out for the federal grant program she met with Nelson, Winter, and LaBrune and discussed applying for the funding to develop the north Hiawatha land into an industrial park. Weis stated that Pipestone County is listed as one of the latest disaster declarations and would qualify for the funding especially with the city's current industrial park being full. Additionally, she told the council that there could be up to 80% funding available. Further details about funding and cost estimates were discussed. Engineer Winter also shared that he will be working to apply for Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) funds to assist with the engineering costs and help with the required 20% match that is required with the federal grant. Weist also spoke about the scoring of the federal grant and added that Schroyer is working to obtain letters from current and possible future businesses that may be impacted by the proposed industrial park project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie LaBrune
Assistant City Administrator - Clerk