

## CITY OF DUBUQUE - COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**GOVERNMENTAL BODY:** Resilient Community Advisory Commission (RCAC)

**DATE:** 09/04/2025

**TIME:** 5:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC) Circle Conference Room, 949 Kerper Blvd.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robin Kennicker, Jake Kohlhaas, Nolan Bielinski, Dave McDermott, Rachel Schmidt Boeke, an Lalith Jayawickrama

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gina Bell and Michelle Kim

Kohlhaas called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

### **TEST AGENDA**

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- Bielinski motions to approve, McDermott seconds
  - Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NA

#### **New Business:**

- Airport Land Use – Julie Kraft, Wings2Water and John Yeomans and Tom Schutter, Farmers National
  - a. Julie Kraft gave the commission a quick presentation about Wings2Water
    - i. W2W uses the CID airport to communicate with travelers about water quality
    - ii. They also offer grants to the community
      - 1. Some funded projects include water quality education, wetland restoration, and river clean ups
  - b. John Yeomans and Tom Schutter gave a quick presentation about Farmers National
    - i. Farmers National has a contract with the CID airport – works in a consultant matter to manage the farmland around the airport

1. They make recommendations, but the airport commission makes the final decision
  2. The farmland around the CID airport is 100% no till and they also require planting cover crops
- Letter of Support – Dubuque Area Land & Water Legacy (DALAWL) request for Parks and Rec
    - a. Kennicker makes a motion to approve, McDermott seconds
      - i. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
  - Sustainable Dubuque Grant Guidelines update
    - a. Schmidt Boeke makes a motion to approve the edited version to City Council pending Legal team approval, Kennicker seconds
    - b. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**Old Business:**

NA

**Commissioner Reports: How Did I Show Up?**

- Schmidt Boeke is back on the Catfish Creek Water Authority Commission
- Lalith was able to see the Little Free Library he helped fund in Sri Lanka. He attended their opening ceremony and about 150 children came to grab a free book!

**Important Dates**

- Tentative Tree planting dates for the Branching Out Dubuque Initiative – Oct 4 and 11<sup>th</sup>

**Staff updates**

N/A

**Next meeting date:** The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 5pm at the Jule Operations and Training Center (JOTC) in the Circle Conference Room, 949 Kerper Blvd

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob Kohlhaas, ~~Commission Chair~~

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle Kim, Climate Action Coordinator