

**- MINUTES -**  
**CHASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**MARCH 30, 2026**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hubbard at 7:42 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: President Hubbard and Commissioners Benesh, Hatfield, and Sheveland.

Absent: Commissioner Grau.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, Executive Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Executive Director; and Marshall Grange, Parks and Recreation Director.

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Benesh, second by Commissioner Hatfield to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. Meeting Minutes 03/16/2026

Motion by Commissioner Hatfield, second by Commissioner Benesh to approve the minutes from March 16, 2026.

Motion carried.

5. Discussion Items

5.A. Approve the Lease Agreement with Copperfield Chaska, LLC at the Curling and Event Center

Executive Director Podhradsky presented this item to the Economic Development Authority.

President Hubbard asked if there would be signage now at the entrance to let patrons know they can use the stadium seating for spectating, without the requirement to order food or beverages. Parks and Recreation Director Marshall Grange said signage would be appropriate, but hoped that Copperfield staff would encourage patrons and make them feel welcome to spectate.

President Hubbard asked what the plan was to communicate to the general public regarding the timeline of the remodel, and to ensure the public knows the company is shifting the brand. Executive Director Podhradsky stated there is a communication plan that will go out in different forms, along with signage that will go up at the Curling Center, upon the EDA's approval.

Mr. Grange added that social media posts will be posted on the City's social media pages, as well as the Curling Center's. A press release will go to the Carver County local news upon the

EDA's approval. A direct message to all curling members will be sent out through their email list with details about this change. Staff will be working to contact all the corporate Learn to Curl groups that are scheduled while the restaurant is closed to discuss the changes that will be happening. Staff will also contact all the groups that have events scheduled in the Event Center.

Executive Director Podhradsky added that it is important to remember that the catering kitchen will still be open during this remodel. Mr. Grange added that there will be more information in the upcoming Chaska newsletter regarding the remodel.

President Hubbard added that at the last work session, there was a robust discussion regarding this project with the owner about specifications of the lease and what the remodel would look like, and the catering component.

Commissioner Hatfield noted that this project is exciting because of the reinvestment into the restaurant, but the communication plan will be important to have in place, because there is already fake news on social media regarding this project.

President Hubbard pointed out that there is a general curiosity about the project among residents, and some people can be misinformed that because something is closing, it means something is wrong, and that is not the case here. A good communication plan will help people understand that this project will offer more versatility in catering menus and food options.

Motion by Commissioner Benesh, second by Commissioner Sheveland to approve the Lease Agreement with Copperfield Chaska, LLC for use of the restaurant and banquet facility in the Curling and Event Center, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the final draft of the lease with all attachments complete.

Motion carried.

#### 5.B. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-25 Bond Sale Reimbursement

Executive Director Podhradsky explained this item to the Economic Development Authority.

Motion by Commissioner Sheveland, second by Commissioner Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2026-25 establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Motion carried.

#### 6. Other Business

#### 7. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Hatfield, second by Commissioner Benesh to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried.