

**Minutes of the Board of Directors
Visit Fargo-Moorhead
Wednesday August 27, 2025**

Members Present: Doug Peters, Derrick LaPoint, Kember Anderson, Emily Nielsen, Nicole Steen Dutton, Kimberly Busch, Casey Sanders-Berglund, James Stinsman, Ramon Sosa

Members Absent: Kira Odenbach, Clare Hughes

Others Present: Charley Johnson, Rachel Williams, Danni Melquist, Mallari Ackerman, Stephonie Broughton, Visit FM; Emma McIntyre & Mark Bjornstad, Folkways

- Chair Doug Peters called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made (James), seconded (Kimberly), and passed approving the July 30 Minutes.
- The CEO & Board reviewed the July Financials and 2025 Working Budgets.
- Emma and Mark presented the Folkways request for a capital grant to help them purchase 12 new, modern vendor sheds for use at their Christkindlmarkt event in November- December. Emma's presentation asked for \$110,000 as part of a 10-year, \$1.8 Million project. After the presentation and some discussion, Derrick moved and Casey seconded awarding \$27,500, which would be 25% of the \$110,000 shed costs. After more discussion, Derrick and Casey agreed to amend the motion to include the \$27,500 with an invitation to come back to the Board and ask for more if Folkways could tie the request to more capital costs associated with the project.
- The CEO and Visit FM Directors reviewed the preliminary 2026 budgets (operating and capital) with the Board. The final versions of the budgets will be presented at the September 24 meeting.
- Chair Peters updated the Board on when the new CEO's hiring would be announced.
- The CEO updated the Board on the Convention Center Committee's work and timeline.
- The meeting was adjourned. (Kimberly moved, Emily seconded)

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 am on Wednesday,
September 24, 2025, in the Visit FM Boardroom.
There will be a Teams Link, as well.**