



**MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**City of Westland**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

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Members Present: Kelly, Cabildo, Freese, Murray, Rea, Saab, Scott, Londeau

Members Excused: None

Also Present: Aubrey Merhib, Director of Economic Development  
Kayla Cobetto, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator  
Brendan Schroder, Economic Development Administration

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Murray and supported by Saab to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 26, 2023.

Scott abstained.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Murray and supported by Saab to approve the payments of the vouchers in the amount of \$339,000.50.

CoStar Realty	\$528.02
Gooseworks LLC	\$900.00
First National Bank Omaha	\$250.00
SME	\$2,313.10
Bank of NY Mellon	\$14,509.38
Bank of NY Mellon	\$500.00
Bank of NY Mellon	\$320,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Rea arrived at 8:05 a.m.

**Training Discussion:** None

**Director Comments:** Merhib informed the board about the progress of the installation of the Mission to Mars play scape at Tattan Park, as well as the progress of construction of other business developments within the district.

Cobetto let the board know about the opening of a new business within the district.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Board Members Comments:** Londeau told the board about an improved “Grand Opening” process for businesses in the City of Westland. Londeau also gave the board a detailed update about the demolition of the blighted property located at 626 S. Wayne Road.

Kelly informed the board of an automotive blight issue in the city, and efforts being undertaken to clean up and reduce such blight.

A motion was made by Scott and supported by Freese to adjourn at 8:21 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.