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going to take ownership going forward especially in regards to regular watering and upkeep.

6. Financial Report:

- a. Report provided in Board packet from Plante Moran. A fund balance of \$207,172.06 was presented for July 22, 2025. The financial report was received and filed.
- b. Motion: To approve the payment of bills from June 20, 2025-July 22, 2025 in the amount of \$52,413.44.

Motion by: Stephens

Second by: Murdock

Roll Call:

Ayes: Stephens, Murdock, Hutnick, Lee, Osebold

Nays: none

No further discussion.

Motion passes 5-0

7. Funding Request:

- a. Summer Business Souiree - Northern Macomb Chamber
September 18, 2025

Motion to approve sponsoring Summer Souiree event in the amount of \$250.00 for food/beverage.

Motion by: Hutnick

Second by: Murdock

Discussion: Stephens questioned the board if he should abstain from the vote due to conflict of interest. The board agreed this is normal business and his vote should be counted with note of conflict.

Ayes - Hutnick, Murdock, VanWormer, Stephens, Lee, Osebold

Nays - none

Motion Passes: 6-0

- b. Art & Wine Walk - Northern Macomb Chamber

Motion to approve the Art & Wine event in the amount of \$1,000.

Motion by: VanWormer

Second by: Hutnick

Discussion: Lee questioned if this is the amount that was sponsored in the past and VanWormer confirmed yes.

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Nayes - none
Motion Passes: 6-0

c. **Investment Policy**

To utilize investment strategies, the DDA must adopt an Investment Policy.

Motion to approve the DDA's Investment Policy

Motion by: Lee Second by: Stephens

Discussion: Pochert let the board know the policy mirrors the Village of Romeo's policy along with other DDA's in the state of Michigan. Nothing special or unique was added and all requirements were added.

Ayes - Lee, Stephens, Hutnick, Murdock, VanWormer, Osebold
Nayes - none
Motion Passes: 6-0

9. Unfinished Business

a. **Multi-modal Streetscape Conceptual Planning Services**

The giffels-webster team is meeting with Macomb County one last time to make sure they approve of conceptual design. Town Hall will be scheduled for the beginning of 2026.

b. **Wayfinding and Attraction Strategy**

The DDA Executive team is working on grant funding opportunities. Two Marketing interns from Romeo High School will begin working at the DDA in September to help bring the Romeo Story to life through social media content and other marketing efforts.

d. **District 360**

The program is now live! The Executive Director is working on updating contacts and training on the platform.

e. **Visionary Leaders Circle**

Working on promoting and organizing Golden Girl's Day Out in September and Witches & Warlocks, Return to Romeo in October. They are also starting a volunteer group called the T-Squad to assist with events and charitable causes in the community. Their kick-off meeting is September 27th at the DDA office.

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10. Executive Director Report
Kay Pochert went over her current activities from July and provided an itemized report and project management list.
11. Board Member Comments
Osebold - Looking forward to working on the good things ahead and appreciates everyone's contributions.
12. Adjournment: 7:46 p.m.

Motion by: Lee

Second: VanWormer

All ayes.

Motion passes: 6-0