

**City of Battle Lake  
Economic Development Authority  
Tuesday, November 6, 2025**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in a regular session on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. with Randy Dorn, Rich Bullard, Rob Nudell, Steve Young, Sharon Casey, Josie Thomopolous, and Rob Nudell present. Absent was Marjorie Quammen. Also present were Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director, and Reba Gilliland representing the Battle Lake Arts Advisory Committee.

Nudell made a motion to approve the agenda. Young seconded. MCU Casey made a motion to approve the minutes. Dorn seconded. MCU Nudell made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Young seconded. MCU

**Business Improvement Program** – Martin reported that we can apply to the Otter Tail County CDA for a second Business Improvement Program match. Young made a motion to request that the council budget \$10,000 to the Business Improvement Program for 2026. Nudell seconded. MCU

Bullard made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented. Thomopoulos seconded. MCU

**Land Purchase** - Commissioners reviewed the 70-acre land purchase situation, noting concerns about the lack of a clear development plan and transparency around potential land swaps.

**Marketing Commercial Property for Sale:** When and how should this be done? Martin stated that other properties have been listed on the website and we've used social media to help. We could also share anything a realtor may post. We could also coordinate with Otter Tail Lakes Country to help share marketing. Should someone reach out to existing restaurants in other communities to see if there is an interest?

**Joint City Council and EDA Meeting** – Follow-up meeting scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**CEDA Application** – Casey made a motion to apply for this grant under the Business Retention and Expansion program. Thomopoulos seconded. MCU

**Minutes from TriCity Collaborative were reviewed**

**Notes from the EMSC Meeting were Reviewed – Upcoming Visioning Event on December 10th**

**Updates on School Construction**

**Case gave updates on Events with Light up the Lakes/Small Business Saturday coming up on November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Nudell updated the Commissioners on the school construction.**

**Gilliland reported on the Talking Trails project.**

The next meeting was scheduled for December 4, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

Adjourn at 8:00 a.m.



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Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer