

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, June 1, 2017**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, June 1, 2017. President Randy Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Jeff Drake, Leigh Shebeck, Gene Kelm, and Milt Paulson present. Absent were Sara Boyum and Don Maslow. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer.

Paulson made a motion to approve the agenda. Shebeck seconded. MCU Shebeck moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kelm seconded. MCU Paulson moved to approve the financials as presented. Drake seconded. MCU

Updates:

- Tri-City Living minutes were reviewed. A review of the annual meeting on May 4th at Thumper Pond with speaker, Ben Winchester was discussed and information was presented from the outcome as distributed by the speaker.
- Hatchery Row project was discussed – the owners have some interest in selling. We are working on relocation options. A proposal for a visioning process was received from Duet Designs. We may want to get quotes from other firms. Martin is looking for grant funding to help pay for this. When we get a constructive plan together, we will approach the council before moving forward.
- An update for the Business Retention and Expansion program was given by members of the team. A mock business visit was conducted with the bank and the Dairy Queen. The team will be finalizing a volunteer list to recruit from and training will be conducted early August.
- Council minutes and agendas were reviewed.
- Continued discussion on information kiosks. Martin will gather more information for the next meeting.

A commissioner said that the Perham EDA is working with Amazon to come in and talk with their area businesses. It will be interesting to get an update on this or maybe attend the meeting, if possible.

The apartments are coming along nicely and should be ready in June.

Council is still working with MnDOT on the permit needed for the sidewalk amenity zone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

Valerie J. Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer