

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, September 6, 2018**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2018. President Randy Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Jeff Drake, Gene Kelm, Leigh Shebeck, and Steve Young present. Absent was Sara Boyum. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer.

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

Commissioners discussed the assistance the EDA has been providing to businesses for the Otter Tail Tourism membership which was 10% of the membership, up to \$40. A lot has changed since the decision was first made a couple of years ago and it might make more sense to do some other type of promotion or assistance. Nick Leonard will be attending the EDA/Council joint meeting on October 9th. A decision was tabled until that meeting.

West Central Initiative has a new grant opportunity called the Change-Maker grant. It is a 50/50 match program. WCI suggested that Battle Lake may want to consider submitting an application associated with one of the BR&E outcomes. The suggested program might be a good fit for the "At Your Service" training. As this training is a per person cost, it would be difficult to come up with a specific dollar amount. The application is not due until November. Commissioners will discuss again next month.

The 2019 budget was reviewed. Shebeck made a motion to approve. Drake seconded. MCU It will go to council for their approval before its final.

Updates:

- Hatchery Row – Options to Purchase agreements have been signed by the three property owners and have been sent in for recording. A grant application for the project has been submitted and we will find out by the end of September whether it is funded.
- The tax forfeiture property has been purchased. We are just waiting to receive the deed.
- Martin and Kelm gave an update on Tri-City Living. The date set for their annual meeting is September 25th and it will be held at the Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake. The program will be the Future of Retail presented by Jill Amundson from West Central Initiative. The group also discussed the Live Wide Open campaign, which Tri-City Living is now a member.
- The Battle Lake brochure/parking map has been printed and shipped.
- The information kiosk was discussed – Drake reported that the project will more than likely get completed in the Ag class in September.

- Heritage Festival is scheduled for September 15th.
- The Gathering of Airplanes was well attended last Saturday.
- Martin has been appointed to the Otter Tail County Economic Development Recommendation Committee with the first meeting to be held on September 18th. Martin cannot attend but someone from the EDA can take her place for that meeting.
- MN Explorer Hike MN Campaign & Sweepstakes Featuring Glendalough State Park is currently happening on-line. Several businesses have contributed prizes for a getaway as follows:
 - **Prize Four: Battle Lake Getaway**
 - Two (2) night stay at the [Brickyard Lake Lodge](#) in Battle Lake
 - *(Expires 10/31/19. Based on availability from 5/3/19-5/19/19 or 9/14/19 to 10/6/19. Restrictions and blackout dates may apply.)*
 - >Plus one (1) gift certificate for [Gallopig Goose Rentals](#)
 - *(Expires 10/1/19. Includes one (1) hydro bike half day rental and two (2) adult bike half day rentals.)*
 - >Plus one (1) \$42.96 [Rusty Nail Burger & Beer Bar](#) gift card*
 - >Plus one (1) \$40 [Stella's Bistro & Wine Bar](#) gift card *
 - >Plus one (1) \$40 [Battle Lake Boathouse Restaurant](#) gift card*
 - >Plus one (1) \$40 [Dairy Queen](#) gift card*
 - >Plus one (1) \$25 [Everts Lumber](#) gift card
 - >Plus one (1) \$35 [Minnesota State Parks](#) gift card
 - * Prizes donated by Park Region Telephone and Ottertail Telcom
 - ARV: \$897.96

Kelm said that the LACC will be holding a community meeting in October to discuss the future of the building.

Goals were tabled until the next meeting. This will be the priority for that meeting.

Adjourn 8:05 a.m.

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