

**City of Battle Lake  
Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, May 2, 2019**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, May 2 2019. Randy Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Don Maslow, Jeff Drake, Gene Kelm, Steve Young and Leigh Shebeck. Absent was Sara Boyum. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer.

Drake made a motion to approve the agenda. Young seconded. MCU

Shebeck made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelm seconded. MCU

Maslow made a motion to approve the financials. Dorn seconded. MCU

**Updates:**

**2019 Goals and Priorities**

• **Housing Options**

- Discussion on property south of Hidden Meadows. Martin received information from the engineer on the construction of water, sewer and streets to the property if it were subdivided. There could be 5 to 6 lots with a cost of \$300,000 to \$350,000. It may only make sense if additional property to the south was also developed.
- Martin also relayed that there is a property available for sale by First Lutheran Church. It is approximately 4 acres. The owner would want it offered to the church first as the church had interest in the property when they first built the new church.

• **Promotional Committee**

- Network Battle Lake is working on the yearly coupon flyer called Experience Battle Lake. It normally only goes to resorts but this year will be expanded to high traffic areas as well. The City usually prints the flyer after the coupon side has been designed. Martin created the calendar side last year but this year volunteers will also design the calendar. It will be expanded to 8 ½ by 14 and the calendar side will be printed in color.
- The marketing group continues to move forward with project and ideas. MacKenzie Tysdal, Battle Lake High School student, will assist with the newly created Facebook page.

• **Connecting with Business Owners**

- Martin will provide a business listing next month so the Commissioners can divide it up. She will also prepare a list of 3 or 4 questions for the commissioners to ask the business owners as a follow-up to the Business Retention and Expansion program.

• **Connecting with Townships**

- Shebeck has been in contact with both Everts and Clitherall Township officials and will continue to work on this.

**Hatchery Row**

- Dorn spoke with Ed Larrivy about a price on his property. Dorn will continue to work with him.
- Mayor Kelm said we really need to consider moving forward with the purchase of the property. As the council wanted to have the agreement signed prior to the purchase of the property, we would have to go back to them for any considerable changes.

**Otter Tail County CDA**

- Martin reported that the commissioners are still working on developing a process for requesting assistance from the CDA. They will also work with the County's Long Range Strategic Plan as they move forward with goals and priorities.

**Battle Lake Map Signs**

- Commissioners were in agreement that another 1000 Battle Lake brochures should be printed. Kelm requested that Martin get a quote from the Battle Lake Review.

**Graduate Gifts**

- Martin will order the cards and keychains as presented for the Battle Lake graduates. She will also check with Tag-Up in Fergus Falls on pricing. She contacted the 542 Foundation and found they cannot spend money other than on grants to the school. Dorn made a motion to approve. Shebeck seconded.

**Other Updates:**

- The bank has bought the bakery building and they have no specific plans at this time. They hope to lease it to someone for a bakery.
- The Williams Company has been sold and will be Lake Affects and Lake Dog Deli.
- Sara Boyum has purchased the building next to the Rusty Nail and will open a clothing and gift store.
- Kelm attended a meeting in Detroit Lakes held by MnDOT yesterday. It was a discussion on the highway right-of-ways and what can be done. There may be some legislative changes coming up.

Adjourn at 8:11 a.m. Next meeting will be June 6, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

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