

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Thursday, June 4, 2019**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 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.

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

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

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

Updates:

2019 Goals and Priorities

• **Housing Options**

- Possible habitat home in Hidden Meadows.
- Several ideas were discussed with the group zeroing in on the need for a developer. Perham has been very successful with an investors' group for housing. Martin will contact Dave Schornack to see if he will come speak at our next meeting.
- The EDA will change the focus on housing to developing an investors' group.

• **Promotional Committee**

- Experience Battle Lake coupons and list of events is ready to distribute. This is becoming a joint effort with NBL and the EDA.
- Martin proposed that we contract with S & G Distribution to distribute our brochures with the calendar/coupon insert. He has three main routes. The commissioners were in agreement to contract for the Perham and Detroit Lakes routes.
- Experience Thursday in Battle Lake promotion starts today with the first block party happening next week.

• **Connecting with Business Owners**

- Martin will divide up the business listing limited to Battle Lake businesses at this point. She will also contact Ryan Pesch with some follow up questions from the BR&E program to ask each business owner.

• **Connecting with Townships**

- Shebeck has been in contact with both Everts and Clitherall Township officials and they hope to have him come to a meeting soon.

Hatchery Row

- Martin is still trying to connect with developer to hold an EDA/Council meeting to discuss the agreement. The EDA Commissioners would like this meeting to take place by July 1st. Dorn will work on making contact with the developer.
- Cranston purchase agreement has been executed with closing set for July 15th. Apex is working on the subdivision with hearing scheduled for July 11th.
- Warren Prahamm has passed away. Martin will connect with the City Attorney to see if this would affect the option to purchase.

Otter Tail County CDA

- Martin reported that the commissioners are still working on priorities and initiatives.

Graduate Gifts

- Martin and Kelm presented cards and keychains to the graduates. It was well received.

Other Updates:

- This is Jeff Drake's last meeting. Martin and the commissioners thanked him for his valuable service to the EDA. He will be missed. Drake thanked the group and felt he has learned more than he has contributed.

Adjourn at 8:05 a.m. Next meeting will be July 11, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

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