

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Thursday, October 10, 2019**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Leigh Shebeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gene Kelm, Steve Young and Josie Schmidt present. Absent were Darren Kern, Don Maslow and Randy Dorn. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer.

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

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

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

Updates:

Hatchery Row:

- The grant application to the County CDA was approved with the City receiving \$50,000.
- The EDA has closed on the properties. There are a few personal items that still need to be cleaned out. Don Magnuson was finishing up the construction of some sheds and was allowed a little extra time. Martin will do another tour and take some photos and will contact the prior owners if needed.
- Next steps – we'll keep working with the developers and continue the process for clean-up.

Experience Thursdays in Battle Lake and BL Block Parties

- Commissioners discussed whether this was successful or not and will be important to get the input from the businesses. Martin prepared a sample survey for the Commissioners' to review that she will send via e-mail to the businesses. It was also discussed that consistency is a key factor when trying to put this type of event together.

Connecting with Business Owners:

- Some of the Commissioners returned surveys they had completed. Once the surveys have been completed, the results will be compiled and reviewed. Some businesses have requested a list of resources for that the EDA has available. Martin will start working on a document that she can send out.

Connecting with Townships:

- Shebeck has not heard back from the Townships.

CDA minutes were reviewed. Martin reported that a Housing Summit is scheduled for December 4th.

Applications for the Blandin Leadership Program are now ready on-line. Recruitment will continue with an informational meeting coming up in the near future.

Tri-City Living minutes were reviewed. An annual meeting is scheduled for November 25th.

Martin let the Commissioners know that West Central Initiative has an annual meeting scheduled for November 6, 2019.

Adjourn at 7:55 a.m. Next meeting is Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 a.m. with an EDA/Council joint meeting on November 12th at 5:30 p.m.

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