

**City of Battle Lake  
Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, July 2, 2020**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, July 2, 2020 with some members participating via video conference pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021 due to a health pandemic. Randy Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gene Kelm, Steve Young, Leigh Shebeck, Josie Schmidt, and Don Maslow present. Absent was Darren Kern Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer.

Kelm made a motion to approve the agenda. Dorn seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor included Dorn, Kelm, Schmidt, Young, Maslow and Shebeck with no member voting no. MCU

Shebeck made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelm seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor included Dorn, Kelm, Schmidt, Young, Maslow and Shebeck with no member voting no. MCU

Maslow made a motion to approve the financials. Dorn seconded. With a roll call vote, those in favor included Dorn, Kelm, Schmidt, Young, Maslow and Shebeck with no member voting no. MCU

**Updates:**

**COVID-19:**

- **Emergency Fund:** Just over \$2,000 has come in for donations. 542 Foundation will assist by getting the word out to their e-mail list. Battle Lake Lions have not made a decision on a donation yet. The committee continues to meet to discussion on-going promotion and ideas.
- **Communication and Weekly Flyers:** Martin continues to provide weekly resources for our area businesses along with creating a weekly flyer that gets posted on Facebook.

**Hatchery Row:**

- A Zoom meeting was held with the developers and environmental engineer to provide more information to the developers. They may want to have us do a couple more borings to feel a little more comfortable on what might be in the ground. They have started working on the design with an architect and should have a plan ready soon. Council is working on getting a survey done of the property and this will be important information for the developers.

**Wenonga Days Activities to Date:** Martin is working with the committee of pulling together some of the events.

- Fireworks
- Dances – Shoreline on Friday/Rusty Nail on Saturday
- Car Show and Drive-In Movie at ABC Brewing
- Crazy Daze
- All-Town Rummage Sale
- Virtual 5K and 10K
- Prospect House Event

- Business bingo – Schmidt said she will help with this too. Dorn said that the bank will donate a Visa Gift Card. Martin is sending an email out to businesses with the details and an opportunity to be a part of the game.

**Housing/Hidden Meadows:**

- Martin continues to work on MN Housing grant application. She has also contacted Jay Paulson to discuss some joint marketing. He is very interested in this.

**Otter Tail County Community Development Agency**

- Minutes were shared
- \$2000 grant applications are still coming in. Many of them are from Battle Lake.
- Shared ideas for distribution of the County's CARES Act funding

**Other Updates/Discussion Items:**

- CARES Act funding – Battle Lake will get just over \$70,000. The funds need to be spent by November 15<sup>th</sup>. EDA and Council will have a joint meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> and brainstorm some ideas for the funds.
- Dorn and Shebeck thanked Martin for her continued communication and marketing efforts with the businesses.

Adjourn at 7:56 a.m.

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