

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Thursday, February 4, 2021**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday February 4, 2021 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 Darren Kern, Steve Young, Leigh Shebeck, Richard Bullard, Josie Schmidt, and Don Maslow present. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer and John Everts.

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

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

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

COVID-19 – Assistance to Businesses

- Donations to date: \$28,600 with the first round of applications due yesterday. \$2,160 of the Battle Lake Lions Club \$5,000 match challenge has not been received. 14 applications were received from the businesses. The review committee will meet and make a recommendation to the Battle Lake Community Fund. The funds will be distributed to the City and the City will send out checks to the businesses. We may open up for second rounds of applications down the road.

Hatchery Row:

- The Developer's Agreement is approved has been signed by the City and the Developers. The MN DEED application has been completed and submitted to the state. The project continues to move forward.

Tax Forfeiture Property

- John Everts was in attendance to discuss the tax forfeiture property. He explained some of his concerns – stormwater runoff, overflow area for the water tower and the alley runs through the north part of the property. Randy reviewed the past history of the EDA's purchase and the reasoning behind the purchase. He stated that we would like to have our hard costs reimbursed, along with a little more. Mr. Everts stated that he was willing to purchase at the price of the hard costs. He feels there is going to be some large costs in order to get it ready to build on it. Randy said the EDA will make a decision as a Board and get back to him.

EDA Business Survey & Housing Study

- Surveys are in the works with results coming back in March. Some of the study information has been compiled by Alex Johnson. A draft of this information was sent to the EDA Commissioners.

The 2020 Year in Review

- This was distributed to the EDA Commissioners for review. Randy also wrote a letter to include with the newsletter. The Commissioners talked about the great collaboration that happens in the Battle Lake Community and how it sets us apart from other Cities.

Governor's Fishing Opener

- Martin reported there will be more of a spotlight on Glendalough Park and Battle Lake during this year's event. She has been working with Glendalough Park Partners to discuss what type of "stories" can be told about Glendalough. There was also a suggestion from the Park Partners group to do a "Taste of Battle Lake" the Friday before the fishing opener and possibly make it also open to the public.

CDA minutes were distrusted and reviewed.

The April EDA meeting will be held on April 8th rather than April 1st. This will help provide more time to get back and analyze results from the survey and housing study.

Martin reported that the City Council is working on a grant application from MnDOT for reconstruction of Olaf Avenue and to also pave Memory Lane.

Next meeting is March 4, 2021.

Adjourn at 8:01 a.m.

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