

**City of Battle Lake  
Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, January 13, 2022**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. with Randy Dorn, Josie Schmidt, and Richard Bullard present. Steve Young, Don Maslow, and Sean Belmont were absent. Also present were Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer along with Katrina Ball and Lauren Belmont from Lakes Area Community Center.

**As there was no quorum, no official action could be taken.**

Katrina and Lauren gave an update on the LACC.

- Sale of the building is official
- Will be recruiting help from Sara Carlson from Perham for design ideas
- Will be meeting with Jill Amundson from West Central Initiative
- Two applications have been received for the Executive Director
- Looking at financials and finding ways to make it affordable

Housing:

- HRA is still waiting for training from MN Housing for the grant.
- Housing committee will meet with John Everts on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.
- The school is not building a house this year but still interested in further discussion

Annual meeting coming up on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Val will complete the Year in Review.

It was noted that Katrina and James Ball have purchased the Battle Lake Motel.

**Business Survey Results –**

- **Action Items to Date**
  - Customer Service Training Set for February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Career Fair scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at the School Media Center – 1:15-3:15
  - Communication – Sending out minutes and report to businesses (coming soon)
- **Other Action Items Needed to Complete**
  - Creating a business organization – start working with LACC Director when possible
  - Sharing Business Incentives with Businesses
  - Creating a Facebook Page for the EDA - **it was decided that the use of the City's page would continue to work but create a separate logo for the EDA. When doing posts, use that logo and start with "meet the EDA members."**
  - Working with LACC on additional events – especially in the off-season

Groundbreaking for Hatchery Row will not happen on February 3<sup>rd</sup> – future date TBD.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual meeting at the Shoreline at noon.

Adjourn at 8:05 a.m.

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