

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Thursday, March 3, 2022**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. with Randy Dorn, Josie Thomopoulos, Sean Belmont, Rob Nudell, Steve Young, and Richard Bullard present. Don Maslow was absent. Also present were Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer along with Katrina Ball from Lakes Area Community Center, Reba Gilliland from the Arts Advisory Committee, Janell Kraemer from the school, and guest speaker Josh Ice.

Bullard made a motion for the 2022 slate of officers as follows: Randy Dorn, President; Steven Young, Vice President; and Val Martin, Secretary/Treasurer. Nudell seconded. MCU

Nudell made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Dorn seconded. MCU

Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bullard seconded. MCU

Nudell made a motion to approve the financials. Thomopoulos seconded. MCU

Visitors

Josh Ice was present from Thrive In-Home Care, LLC. A new business based out of Fergus Falls with coverage area including Otter Tail County, Wilken County, and parts of Grant and Douglas Counties.

- Their program offers services to seniors in their homes such as:
 - Meal prep
 - Medications
 - Bathing
 - Laundry
 - Running Errands
 - Driving to appointments
- Can be a fill-in for a family that needs help on a temporary basis
- Private pay, long-term insurance, and VA benefits
- They don't provide OT, PT, or skilled nursing

Hatchery Row

Katrina gave an update on the LACC.

- They have been meeting with the school and other entities in the community to gauge interest in use of the community center, once built.
- They attended the Network Battle Lake meeting, giving that group an update.
- They will be having a booth at the school career fair.
- They have been working with students from the school on different projects with the intent to get them more involved.
- They meet with Martin on a regular basis.
- Parade committee continues to work on that event.

Goodneighbors continue to work on bids and getting ready for construction. The ground-breaking has been postponed with a future date to be determined.

Housing:

- Otter Tail County HRA is still waiting to hear back from MN Housing on the next steps for the housing project in Hidden Meadows. Martin will see if Tanya Westra can attend the next meeting.

- A lengthy discussion was held on the opportunities for residential expansion outside of the City limits, specifically property located northwest of Good Sam. Anderson Surveyors can provide a concept plan for a possible plat on the Morical property, west of Everts Glenhaven plat. Would it be a benefit for the EDA for pay for the concept plan or possibly cost-share? The idea was tabled until the next meeting. Steve Young has been working with the owners and will discuss with them.

High School Student Representative

Business teacher, Janell Kraemer was in attendance. A new student representative will be appointed for the next meeting. Congratulations to the BPA team on doing well in competition. The state competition is coming up next month.

Annual Meeting Follow-Up

The meeting went well – thanks to Randy Dorn for doing a good job presenting the EDA information. It was good to hear all the positive information about Battle Lake from the speakers.

Bullard made a motion to approve the new EDA logo. Dorn seconded. MCU

Martin reported the Battle Lake brochure will need another printing if there are changes, let her know. She will add Homecoming week on the calendar of events which is one of the brochure inserts.

Minutes of the Otter Tail County CDA were reviewed.

Upcoming meetings:

- March 29th – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council/EDA Strategic Planning
- April 7th – 7:00 a.m. – Next EDA Meeting
- April 26th – Battle Lake School Career Fair

Adjourn at 8:05 a.m.

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