

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Thursday, April 20, 2023**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in a regular session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. with Randy Dorn, Rich Bullard, Rob Nudell, Sean Belmont, Josie Thomopolous, and Steve Young present. Absent was Marjorie Quammen. The meeting was regularly scheduled for April 6th and was rescheduled for the 20th in order to make sure there would be a quorum. Also present were Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director/Zoning Officer along with Reba Gilliland, Art Advisory Committee Representative, and Jayd Sharpe and Janell Kraemer from the LACC Board

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

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

Belmont made a motion to approve the financials. Thomopolous seconded. MCU

Hatchery Row

- General updates were presented by Sharpe and Kraemer:
 - They've been meeting with the designer to create the space at Hatchery Row.
 - They have five business sponsors so far for the programs they are doing this summer after sending up their mailer.
 - They've met with Art of the Lakes just to open up a line of communication as they both move forward with new projects.
 - The spring promotion went well with 324 cards returned for the drawings.
 - LACC is taking over the Farmers Market with Sharpe being the point person.

High School Representative/School Update

- Kraemer gave an update on the BPA program. Three students are going to nationals in California.

Additional School Updates:

- Career Fair is being held this afternoon with 35 businesses and 11 colleges having tables at the event.
- Prior to the Career Fair, there will be volunteers doing mock interviews with the students.
- May 26th is graduation at 7:00 p.m.
- Received survey results back and will continue working towards the next goals for the facilities.

Business Priorities – Action Items

- Reviewed the minutes from the business meeting held on March 31, 2023. There was a great turnout with over 30 attendees. The next meeting will be May 17th at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.
- EDA Commissioners reviewed the survey results. Many of the action items were completed or are part of a plan as a result of the business meeting.

Other Updates:

- Martin reported the OTC CDA will be purchasing the old youth center with the intent of tearing it down and helping attract a developer. Plans could result in a 12-unit apartment building. Bullard stated that he appreciated the fact that Martin was a board member of the CDA. It has been a help to the Battle Lake community to have this level of communication.

Upcoming meetings:

- No meeting in May. The next meeting will be June 1, 2023.

Adjourn at 8:07 a.m.