

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Duklet those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority met in Regular Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 14, 2025 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Vice President Evans called the meeting to order with Commissioners Krant, Buck, Fahey, Stacey and Duklet. Commissioner Cox was not present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Stacey, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 10, 2025.

MOTION by Commissioner Buck, second by Commissioner Stacey, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 10, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Approval of Bills.

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Duklet, to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. ROSE Loan Request – The Belle’s Bistro 101500 Enterprise Drive

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the ROSE loan request for The Belle’s Bistro noting the Lessee Cristian Pino’s and the building owner Jeff Melin applied together. Smith Strack explained the Aluminum signage is proposed for the front and the rear of the building. Smith Strack explained the two quotes are provided and noted the applicants have decided on the aluminum sign with a loan amount of \$600.00.

Commissioner Fahey inquired on the cabinet lighting. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the flat aluminum signage is preferred with no lighting.

Commissioner Evans inquired when the restaurant will open. Applicant representative Efrain explained they are shooting for a May 4-5 opening.

Commissioner Fahey inquired what items they are waiting on. Efrain explained the fire suppression is being reviewed.

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Stacey, to approve the ROSE Loan Request for The Belle’s Bistro. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5.2. ROSE Loan Request – Steel Horse Tavern – 114 Meridian Street North

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the ROSE Loan request from Steel Horse Tavern. Smith Strack explained the two windows are proposed to become garage doors in the future. Smith Strack explained the awnings are eligible for a \$1,500.00 loan and noted the awnings and garage doors were approved by the Design Committee. Smith Strack explained a condition of the approval will be to get an invoice.

Commissioner Buck inquired if the awnings were measured appropriately to allow for the garage doors. Community Development Director confirmed as stated by the applicant.

Commissioner Stacey inquired if the Committee is on pace to exhaust the money. Community Development Director confirmed noting the fund is typically depleted annually.

MOTION by Commissioner Duklet, second by Commissioner Fahey, to approve the ROSE Loan Request for Steel Horse Tavern. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

6.1. Commissioner Comments.

No comments were made.

6.2. Director's Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack highlighted the Directors Report along with recent inquiries.

Commissioner Evans inquired if the pool was going to be built this year at the Hickory Grove Apartments. Community Development Director Smith Strack confirmed.

6.3. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Regular Session, 5:00 pm, **Monday, May 12, 2025.**

The Commission was reminded of the upcoming tentative meetings.

7. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Fahey, to adjourn the meeting at 5:16. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary