

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 13, 2025**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

President Pankonin led 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, January 13, 2025 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. President Pankonin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Duklet, Krant, Buck, Cox and Stacey present. Commissioner Evans was not present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

**2. OATH OF OFFICE.**

**2.1. Rex Stacey**

Commissioner Rex Stacey took the Oath of Office.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 9, 2024.**

MOTION by Commissioner Duklet, second by Commissioner Buck, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of December 9, 2024. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT. 5.1. Approval of Bills.**

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

**6. BUSINESS.**

**6.1. EDA Annual Report to Council.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the Annual EDA Report, the Goals for 2025 and how the EDA wants to present to Council.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with presentation to Council with Commissioners Duklet and Cox representing the EDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Pankonin, second by Commissioner Duklet, to approve the EDA Annual Report and move forward with presentation to Council. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

**7.1. Commissioner Comments.**

Commissioner Pankonin inquired if the Cambria building was waiting for the TIF approval before demolition. Community Development Director Smith Strack confirmed.

**7.2. Director's Update.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack highlighted the report, Thanked Commissioner Pankonin for his service to the Community and noted incoming member Pat Fahey.

Commissioner Pankonin inquired on the rumors of cannabis in the Downtown. Community Development Director Smith Strack confirmed there is a storefront in the Downtown who is intending on running a micro business and who is intending to apply for cultivation in the Downtown.

Discussion was held regarding the cannabis licensing and registration.

**7.3. Upcoming Meetings.**

1. Regular Session, 5:00 pm, **Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.**

The Commission was reminded of the upcoming tentative meeting as listed.

**8. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Commissioner Duklet, second by Commissioner Krant, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.  
ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich  
Recording Secretary