

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice President Evans 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 5:01 PM on Monday, February 10, 2025 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Vice President Evans called the meeting to order with Commissioners Duklet, Krant, Buck, Cox and Stacey present. Commissioner Elect Fahey was also present.

Also present Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. OATH OF OFFICE.

2.1. Pat Fahey

Commissioner Pat Fahey took the Oath of Office.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President – MOTION by Commissioner Buck, second by Commissioner Cox, to appoint Commissioner Duklet as President. Commissioners Buck, Cox, Evans, Fahey and Stacey VOTED AYE. Commissioner Duklet ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Duklet preceded over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice President – MOTION by Commissioner Stacey, second by Commissioner Cox, to appoint Commissioner Evans as Vice President. Commissioners Stacey, Cox, Duklet, Buck, Cox and Fahey VOTED AYE. Commissioner Evans ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer – MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Cox, to appoint Commissioner Buck as Treasurer. Commissioner Evans, Cox, Fahey, Stacey and Duklet VOTED AYE. Commissioner Buck ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Assistant Treasurer – MOTION by Commissioner Stacey, second by Commissioner Cox, to appoint Commissioner Krant as Assistant Treasurer. Commissioners Stacey, Cox, Fahey, Evans and Duklet VOTED AYE. Commissioner Krant ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary – Recording Secretary Renee Eyrich is appointed as secretary.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

5.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 13, 2025.

MOTION by Commissioner Stacey, second by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 13, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. TREASURERS REPORT.

6.1. Approval of Bills.

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

7. BUSINESS.

7.1. EDA Roles/Responsibilities

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the EDA roles and responsibilities with a slideshow.

Commissioner Stacey inquired on the City federal funding. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the City is not awaiting any federal funding. The City has in the past received federal funding and the funds are in a City fund to use for specified purposes.

Commissioner Duklet inquired if the Commission reallocated funds from the city funded revolving loan fund in 2024. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained that it was discussed but it did not happen. Strack noted the City had \$30,000 in the City funded RLF in 2024 and \$10,000 was going to be added in 2025.

Commissioner Stacey inquired on the what impact a referendum will have on Economic Development. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained healthy public institutions have a positive effect on the City's prospects for economic development. Smith Strack explained the School Board will reach out to the City if a letter of support is needed for funding.

The Commission held a brief discussion on the 2050 plan and population.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

8.1. Commissioner Comments.

Community Development Director Smith Strack thanked Commissioner Duklet for presenting the EDA report at the Council meeting.

8.2. Director's Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the Directors report and including the application for a MN Green Core member for the Community Development Department.

8.3. Upcoming Meetings.

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

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

8. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Cox, to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary