

HENDRUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Johannsen called to order the regular meeting of the Hendrum EDA at 6:34 pm on June 26, 2024 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Sarah Anderson, Curt Johannsen, Mike Smart and Ann Tommerdahl.

The following city personnel was present: Keri Plemmons, EDA Secretary-Treasurer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) May 15, 2024, EDA regular meeting minutes

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by A. Tommerdahl to approve the consent agenda.

ALM: absent; ANDERSON: aye; JOHANNSEN: aye; SMART: aye; TOMMERDAHL: aye.

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a) Add to Unfinished Business (Elementary School): Proposed Daycare & Dekko Foundation
- b) Add to New Business: A. Riverview Dairy; B. Donations

MOTION: S. Anderson moved; seconded by M. Smart to approve the agenda with the listed additions.

ALM: absent; ANDERSON: aye; JOHANNSEN: aye; SMART: aye; TOMMERDAHL: aye.

MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- a) **PRESIDENT:** No update.

- b) **SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

A. Financial Report: The May financial report and June claims list totaling \$1,063.11 were presented for approval.

MOTION: A. Tommerdahl moved; seconded by M. Smart to approve the May financial report and payment of the following claims totaling \$1,063.11.

Fleet Farm	\$154.71
Red River Valley Cooperative Power	\$233.36
Main Street Checks	\$51.31
Internal Revenue Service	\$18.36
City of Hendrum	\$110.73

Red River Valley Cooperative Power \$191.85

Karen Smart \$302.79

ALM: *absent*; ANDERSON: *aye*; JOHANNSEN: *aye*; SMART: *aye*; TOMMERDAHL: *aye*.

MOTION PASSED.

- c) **COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT:** The Hendrum Family Fun Night is in the planning stages, with the date set for August 28th. The organizers are sticking to the familiar format while they establish the newly formed community club. They are exploring revenue generation options, including a dunk tank sponsored by local businesses, and soliciting businesses for gift cards and event booth space. The event will feature various activities, including a water bowl event, a car show, and kids' games. The event is still a work in progress, but it's coming along with many good ideas and people involved. The aim is to spread out the event from Highway 75 all the way down to the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Elementary School:

- **Naming Contest:** The Authority has been discussing the naming of a building for several months, soliciting public suggestions and feedback. Based on 12 ballots, the top three names are Riverbend, Infinity Center, and The Hive. The final decision rests with the Council, who own the building. The Authority plans to present the top three names to the Council for consideration, allowing them time to review before deciding. The aim is to finalize the name soon to facilitate merchandise production for an upcoming family fun night.
- **Proposed Daycare:** A proposal has been made to the City for the establishment of a daycare within the school building. The City is currently in preliminary discussions with the proposer. The Authority is of the opinion that the daycare would offer a valuable service for the community and serve as a magnet to draw people to the area.
- **Dekko Foundation:** The City is looking to repair the gymnasium roof, damaged by ice and snow. Estimates suggest that half the roof can be replaced for \$65,000, while a new roof would cost \$99,000. The insurance company is ready to cover \$65,000, but the City is exploring options to fund the additional \$34,000 for a full replacement. They are considering various grants to cover these costs and potentially secure additional operating funds. A representative from the Dekko Foundation will be invited to discuss potential grants, with the City emphasizing the gym's role in youth activities and its potential as a daycare center. Other grant options being explored include the Bush Community Foundation grant and the Minnesota state

grant for new daycare setups. The City intends to follow up on these leads and collaborate with the Dekko representative to secure the necessary funding.

- B. Mural:** The artist has been working on the mural and expects to complete it in 10-15 days.
- C. Yard of the Month:** Mick and Jeannie Alm were tasked with nominating the Yard of the Month recipients. The awards will take place during June, July, and August.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Riverview Dairy:** Riverview Dairy is planning to build a new dairy farm near Halstad, which will be twice the size of their existing operation in Gary. This new farm will be the largest dairy in North Dakota. The company is currently in the process of obtaining permits and has set up a temporary office in Halstad. The farm will eventually employ 100 people on-site, with some living on-site and others potentially buying houses in the area. During construction, there will be 250 employees in the area. This development is seen as an exciting opportunity for the community.
- B. Donations:** Resolution No. 202404 was introduced and adopted, accepting donations from Dustin Reinhart & Angie Larson (\$50), and Curt Johannsen (\$50) to adopt pots of flowers on Main Street.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by *S. Anderson* to adopt Resolution No. 202404: Resolution Accepting Donations. On the following roll call vote, the resolution was duly adopted and is on file at the City Clerk's office.

ALM: absent; ANDERSON: aye; JOHANNSEN: aye; SMART: aye; TOMMERDAHL: aye.

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, *S. Anderson* moved; seconded by *A. Tommerdahl* to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. The next regular board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

Minutes submitted by: Keri Plemmons, Secretary/Treasurer