

HENDRUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Johannsen called to order the regular meeting of the Hendrum EDA at 6:12 pm on November 20, 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, and Mike Smart.

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

The following members of the public were present: Dale Gammon and Caroline Gammon.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) October 16, 2024, EDA regular meeting minutes

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by S. Anderson to approve the consent agenda.

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

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a) Add to Unfinished Business A. Infinity Center: Community Concerns.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING (6:15 PM): The public hearing scheduled for the meeting was canceled because Alexander Hanson, who was interested in purchasing a lot, decided not to proceed. Consequently, the lot will be put back on the market.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- a) **PRESIDENT:** There was nothing new to report beyond what was already on the agenda.

- b) **SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

A. Financial Report: The October financial report and November claims list totaling \$1,608.11 were presented for approval.

MOTION: S. Anderson moved; seconded by M. Smart to approve the October financial report and payment of the following claims totaling \$1,608.11.

City of Hendrum	\$110.73
Norman County Auditor-Treasurer	\$1,089.63
Red River Valley Co-op	\$193.58
Red River Valley Co-op	\$195.81
Internal Revenue Service	\$18.36

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

MOTION PASSED.

- a) **COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT:** The Community Club report highlighted the ongoing preparations for the "Deck the Halls" event. The school is being decorated, with a focus on creating a festive atmosphere. Changes from last year include consolidating vendor locations to the gym for better visibility and response. The club has 17 vendors and 10 businesses participating, with more responses expected. Plans include advertising in the local newspaper and radio for the event. Financially, the club has a balance of \$1,731.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Infinity Center:

- **Proposed Daycare:** The proposed daycare at the Infinity Center is progressing, with the provider working on cleaning and staging the kindergarten room to complete licensing. The daycare is expected to be operational around the beginning of the year, with promotional efforts underway to inform the community.
- **Dekko Foundation:** The Dekko Foundation grant application is progressing, with ongoing discussions and efforts to complete the necessary steps. The president is working on the application and aims to have it submitted by the next meeting.
- **Fitness Center:** No update.
- **Yoga Classes:** A local yoga instructor is interested in hosting weekly yoga classes at the Infinity Center. Discussions are ongoing to finalize the arrangements and find a suitable room for her classes.
- **Community Concerns:** Community concerns focused on the safety and security of decorations for the "Deck the Halls" event, with worries about potential tampering with or damaging items. Measures are being discussed to ensure the protection of decorations and maintain a safe environment.

B. Riverview Dairy: No update.

- C. 335 Main Street West:** The public hearing regarding the sale of the lot was cancelled. Dale and Caroline Gammon had attended the meeting for the public

hearing and after learning that the property was available, expressed their interest in purchasing the lot. A new public hearing regarding the sale of the lot to Dale and Caroline Gammon was scheduled for December 18th at 6:15 pm.

MOTION: S. Anderson moved; seconded by M. Smart to schedule a public hearing for public commentary on the sale of 335 Main St W to Dale and Caroline Gammon on December 18th at 6:15 pm.

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

MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Christmas Light Contest:** The Christmas Light Contest was approved to continue for another year with Mick and Jeannie Alm appointed as judges. Participants must have their properties decorated by December 16th to be eligible for judging. Prizes will include gift certificates for local businesses, like previous years. The winners will be announced on December 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, *M. Smart* moved; seconded by *S. Anderson* to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. The next regular board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

Minutes submitted by: Keri Plemmons, Secretary/Treasurer