

HENDRUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Johannsen called to order the regular meeting of the Hendrum EDA at 6:35 pm on October 16, 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: Mick Alm, Sarah Anderson, Curt Johannsen, Mike Smart, and Ann Tommerdahl.

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

The following member of the public was present: Alexander "Xander" Hanson.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) September 18, 2024, EDA regular meeting minutes

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a) Add to New Business: **A. 335 Main St W**

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- a) **PRESIDENT:** President Johannsen reported that fiber optic internet access will be installed in the Professional Building and all businesses along Main Street.

- b) **SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

A. Financial Report: The September financial report and October claims list totaling \$435.58 were presented for approval.

MOTION: S. Anderson moved; seconded by M. Alm to approve the September financial report and payment of the following claims totaling \$435.58.

City of Hendrum	\$110.73
Red River Valley Co-op	\$209.04
Sam's Club	\$43.51
Sam's Club	\$53.94

Internal Revenue Service \$18.36

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

MOTION PASSED.

- c) **COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT:** The Community Club is actively preparing for upcoming events, including a Halloween event with nine to ten businesses participating in an indoor trunk-or-treat, free photo opportunities, and a cake walk. They are also beginning preparations for the “Deck the Halls” event scheduled for December 14th, leveraging decorations and items acquired last year. Additionally, the club received a donation, bringing their checking account balance to over \$1,600, and they are considering the possibility of renting out the barrel train for future events, ensuring proper contracts and liability measures are in place. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Infinity Center:

- **Proposed Daycare:** The daycare business is moving forward with preparations to open by the end of the year.
- **Dekko Foundation:** During a call with Barry Rochford, Strategic Communication Officer from the Dekko Foundation, the EDA discussed the potential for grant funding to support the Infinity Center, the repurposed former school building now serving various community functions. The foundation representative provided an overview of the foundation’s mission to foster economic freedom through education and explained the grant application process, emphasizing the importance of projects that benefit youth. The EDA plans to apply for a grant to cover the costs of repairing the gym roof and operation expenses, aiming to submit the application by Thanksgiving. The foundation representative assured the EDA of the foundation’s support and offered assistance throughout the application process.
- **Fitness Center:** The EDA is exploring grant opportunities and seeking expert advice to determine the necessary equipment and costs for establishing a fitness center at the Infinity Center.

- B. **Yard of the Month:** The Yard of the Month for September was awarded, concluding the program for 2024.

- C. Riverview Dairy:** President Johannsen reported that a representative from Riverview Dairy is planning to visit for a tour and further discussions about potentially utilizing part of the Infinity Center, once their schedule permits.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 335 Main St W:** Xander Hanson expressed interest in purchasing 335 Main Street West. The EDA discussed the conditions of the sale, which include selling the property for a dollar with the requirement that Hanson is responsible for demolition and construction within two years. Mr. Hanson plans to move into a manufactured home initially and later build a permanent home. The EDA scheduled a public hearing for November 20th to allow community members to comment on the proposed sale. The discussion also covered building permit requirements and the importance of ensuring proper setbacks and compliance with city regulations.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by S. Anderson to schedule a public hearing for the proposed sale of the property located at 335 Main St W, to be held on November 20th at 6:15 pm during the next regularly scheduled EDA meeting.

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

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, A. Tommerdahl moved; seconded by S. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. The next regular board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

Minutes submitted by: Keri Plemmons, Secretary/Treasurer