

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Duklet 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, March 9, 2026 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. President Duklet called the meeting to order with Commissioners Krant, Buck, Cox and Fahey present. Commissioners Hartmann and Evans were not present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 9, 2026.

MOTION by Commissioner Fahey, second by Commissioner Buck, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 9, 2026. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Approval of Bills.

MOTION by Commissioner Krant, second by Commissioner Fahey, to approve the Treasurers Report. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. EDA Engagement – Exploring What Powers Local Business.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the EDA Engagement – Exploring What Powers Local Business with a slideshow. Smith Strack provided information on an interactive survey, reviewed the City's new Esri Account administered by Bolton & Menk and requested authorization to spend up to \$5,000.

The Commission held discussion. It was the consensus of the majority of the Commission to not move forward with the expenditure in favor of staff organizing an interactive survey and public communications for the roll out. The option of public meetings may be considered in the future.

5.2. Belle Plaine Housing & Income Demographics.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the Belle Plaine housing and income demographics with a slideshow. Smith Strack noted more analysis on the will come with continued work on the comprehensive plan update.

The Commission held discussion.

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the Scott County CDA is hopeful to come in and go over programs available for residents. Staff and the CDA are talking about potential programs to assist income qualified first time homebuyers struggling to purchase a home.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

6.1. Commissioner Comments.

No comments were made.

6.2. Director's Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack noted her report is in the packet.

6.3. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Regular Session, 5:00 pm, **Monday, April 13, 2026.**

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

7. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Commissioner Cox, second by Commissioner Fahey, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM.
ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary