

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 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, February 9, 2026 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. President Duklet called the meeting to order with Commissioners Krant, Evans, Buck, Cox, Fahey and Hartmann present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President –

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Buck to nominate Sarah Duklet as President. No other nominations were made. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Duklet preceded over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice President –

MOTION by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Fahey, to nominate Brady Hartmann, as Vice President. Hartmann declined nomination.

MOTION by Commissioner Hartmann, second by Commissioner Buck, to nominate James Evans as Vice President. No other nominations were made. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer –

MOTION by Commissioner Krant, second by Commissioner Cox, to nominate Ashley Buck as Treasurer. No other nominations were made. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Assistant Treasurer –

MOTION by Commissioner Hartmann, second by Commissioner Fahey, to nominate Rick Krant as Assistant Treasurer. No other nominations were made. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary – Recording Secretary Renee Eyrich is appointed as secretary.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 12, 2026.

MOTION by Commissioner Hartmann, second by Commissioner Fahey, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 12, 2026. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. TREASURERS REPORT.

5.1. Approval of Bills.

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

6. BUSINESS.

6.1. EDA Roles/Responsibilities.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the EDA Roles and Responsibilities with the slideshow. The following topics were highlighted:

- Service Expectations
- What is Economic Development
- EDA's Role in Economic Development
- Tools of the Trade
- Core Functions
- Open Meeting Law
- Data Practices Act
- Conflict of Interest
- Decorum Policy
- Helpful Tips: Communications, Understand Process, Commit to Improving.

6.2. EDA Goals.

Community Development Director Smith Strack requested discussion on Business Climate and First Impressions, next steps.

The commission held thoughtful discussion and gave direction.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

7.1. Commissioner Comments.

No comments were made.

7.2. Director's Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the Directors Report.

7.3. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Regular Session, 5:00 pm, **Monday, March 9, 2026.**

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 5:54 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary