

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
February 21, 2023**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Manzara called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

PRESENT: Jeff Holtz, Charles Cadenhead, Ninna Waldoch and Tony Manzara

ABSENT: Paul Ryberg

Staff Present: City Administrator Handt

November 15, 2022 Minutes:

Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Holt to approve. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Holtz to nominate Ninna Waldoch as President. Motion carried.

Motion by Holtz, seconded by Cadenhead to nominate Tony Manzara as Vice President. Motion carried.

Motion by Manzara to nominate Kristina Handt as Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Manzara to nominate Holtz as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Holtz, seconded by Cadenhead to nominate Handt as Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Survey Updates and Interim Report

Handt presented a summary of the informational report draft in the packet. Commission discussed having a joint work session with council. Given the two council liaisons on the EDA a joint work session didn't seem necessary. There was discussion on signage comments. Handt will check with Washington County about business district informational/directional signage and report back at the next meeting. Commission discussed website comments. It was suggested to add Connect Lake Elmo as a link on the city website since they are developing a business directory. Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Manzara to present the informational packet from the Old Village business interviews to the city council at the March work session. Motion carried.

2023 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Manzara to accept the meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Future Agenda/Reports

The next agenda will include updates/feedback on the BRE, land sale proposals and an update on signage on county roads.

Manzara asked about the sale of the old fire building. It will follow a similar RFP process once the firefighters are moved into the new station.

Handt mentioned the ribbon cutting for La Vie Est Belle on March 7th at 4pm

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Handt