

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
August 15, 2023**

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

ABSENT: Paul Ryberg

Staff Present: City Planner Sophia Jensen and City Administrator Handt (6:30pm)

May 16, 2023 Minutes:

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

Washington County Labor Market Study

Erin Olson the Senior Director of Strategic Research from Real Time Talent (the consultant who completed the study for Washington County) gave presentation on the county labor study including highlights and critical issues. She, along with Chris Eng from Washington County CDA, answered questions from the commissioners.

Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Survey Updates

Handt provided an update on the one visit completed since the last meeting. There was discussion about opening it up to all businesses in the city to see if a better response rate could be achieved. Manzara said he had a hard time getting businesses to devote the half hour time. Waldoch mentioned she sent it to folks to fill out on their own and did not get it back. The EDA will review keeping this in their work plan at the November meeting.

Future Agenda/Reports

Handt provided an update on the Business District sign along Manning Ave and the council decision not to move forward with any offer to purchase city land on Ideal Ave. The next meeting will be November 21, 2023 and include an update to the EDA work Plan for 2024.

Adjourn

Motion by Cadenhead, seconded by Manzara to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Handt