

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**

Call to Order:

Members Present: Brooke Wach, Brian Hughes, Christine Black-Hughes, John Whittington, Anthony White, Jim Beal and Anthony Dickmeyer

Staff Present: Jennifer Bromeland and Kerry Rausch

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented.

New Business

1. Review Application for EDA Vacancy from Anthony Dickmeyer

- The application from Anthony (Tony) Dickmeyer was presented and Mr. Dickmeyer introduced himself. Upon consensus, the EDA recommended that Tony Dickmeyer's appointment to the EDA be brought before City Council for approval.

2. Strategic Economic Development Planning Process with Region 9

- Alejandra Begarano and Leah Petricka from Region 9 were present and recapped their last meeting with the EDA.
- They explained that a Strategic Plan should be a living vehicle for community leaders to think strategically, to make sound decisions in a sea of game changing circumstances, to focus efforts, and develop consensus for collaboratively solving problems. A Strategic Plan shapes a community's future, defines the purpose of the community, allows the community to be responsive and better positioned to attract funding opportunities, and coordinates efforts and lays the foundation for effective and practical economic development efforts.
- Federal EDA priorities include equity, economic recovery, workforce development, manufacturing, technology based economic development, environmentally sustainable development and exports and FDI.
- Eagle Lake data points were presented.
 - Population has increased and there is an increase in young residents. The largest age group is people under the age of 18, followed by 18–34-year-old, then 45-60-year-old. 35–44-year-old and then 65 and over make up the last two age groups.
 - Income/Poverty- 8.1% of Eagle Lake residents are living below the poverty level.
 - Educational Attainment-97.3% of residents have obtained their GED/diploma and 33% have obtained their bachelor's degree or higher.
- Stakeholder engagement was discussed which included resident survey, interviews/small groups, and an open house.
- The EDA stated they would like to be involved in the process, including reviewing the survey prior to distribution. A subcommittee may be formed if needed in this process.
- Potential survey categories and questions were presented with EDA input provided.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.