

City of Eagle Lake  
Economic Development Authority Meeting  
Thursday, July 24, 2025

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Administrator Bromeland.
- Members Present: Brooke Wach, Jim Beal, Anthony White,
- Not Present: Brian Hughes, Christine Black-Hughes, Tony Dickmeyer, and John Whittington
- A quorum was not met.

**Approval of Agenda**

- The agenda was presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

- The treasurer's report was presented.

**New Business**

1. Highway 14 Corridor Study and Upcoming Open House and Special City Council Meeting
  - Administrator Bromeland stated there will be an open house and special city council meeting on August 12 to review the Highway 14 Corridor study recommendations. The open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the special city council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
  - EDA members were encouraged to contact City Councilmembers to express their opinion as to which option would be best for Eagle Lake. They were also encouraged to attend the open house and special city council meeting.
  - Administrator Bromeland explained that the City is at an impasse with MnDOT and other partners involved in the Highway 14 Corridor Study. All partners, but the City of Eagle Lake, are in agreement supporting Concept D which would turn the County Road 56 intersection by Casey's General Store into a right-in right-out

only intersection, the County Road 55 (LeRay Avenue) would be closed at the east end, and there would be a full interchange at County Road 17/27. The reason given for supporting this concept was that it is the most feasible option to receive funding.

- The City of Eagle Lake supports Concept A because it will maintain the most access for current and future businesses. This option will not include the rerouting of an estimated 2,600 vehicles through Eagle Lake daily, which would occur with Concept D. Partners in this study have stated they don't believe Concept A will get funding. The City has stated on record that funding has not yet been explored.
- Blue Earth County representatives have stated they are adamant that they cannot come up with the funding for Concept A.
- Concept A would include an interchange at County Road 17/27, a High T at County Road 56, and close access at County Road 55 (LeRay Avenue).
- Councilmember White stated that development to the east and north of Eagle Lake won't happen for many years and that the area along County Road 56 has seen development and has the most potential for future development. He expressed his opinion that Concept A with the High-T is the best option for future development.
- Safety concerns with additional traffic being routed into Eagle Lake was discussed, as was how this would affect community events.
- The City would like to talk to state and federal legislators and let them know this is not what Eagle Lake wants and that this will cause future issues.

## **Other Business**

### **1. Update on Clear Path Psychiatry PLLC**

- Clear Path Psychiatry has received the loan funds, their sign has been installed, and they are on the City's business listing.

### **2. Welcome to New Business – Little Eagles Preschool**

- Beth Dostal, a former EL preschool teacher, will be opening Little Eagle's Preschool in Epiphany Church.

- She has received paperwork for the EDA loan if she chooses to apply. She is working with RCCIP to help create a business plan.

3. 2026 Pedestrian Connectivity Project Update

- The City has received federal funding for this project, which will include a flashing system for crossing Agency Street at Thomas Drive and a trail on Agency Street South by Regency Mobile Home Park and on 211<sup>th</sup> Street. State funding has also been awarded, leaving \$130,000 to be funded through the City and Blue Earth County.

4. Welcome Bag Magnets and Circus Promotion Banners - Recap of Cost

- Magnets for the New Resident Welcome Bags are ready and have a QR code for residents to sign up for the City's notification system, which is a great way for residents to keep up to date on Eagle Lake happenings. The cost of the magnets was \$338.
- The Circus promotion banners have been printed and cost \$220. Ticket sales are going well. Skeeter the clown is coming to City Hall and the ACES program at the school on July 24.

5. Update to Promotional Video RFP

- The RFP has not been sent out yet and the City Council stated that with college being out for the summer, there is no need to rush to send out the RFP.
- Administrator Bromeland stated she believes a promotional video will help attract new businesses and residents to Eagle Lake by letting them know what it is like to live and own a business here and the high quality of life our community has to offer.

6. Park Lights

- Park lighting has been approved by City Council, and this will most likely be a fall project due to lead time. The poles being installed will be 15 feet with LED lights.

**Adjournment**