

# HENDRUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026

### CALL TO ORDER

President Johannsen called to order the regular meeting of the Hendrum EDA at 6:00 PM on March 18, 2026 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

### ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Kristi Beyl, Curt Johannsen, Mike Smart, and Ann Tommerdahl.

The following city personnel were present: Keri Plemmons, EDA Secretary-Treasurer.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**A.** February 18, 2026, EDA regular meeting minutes

*MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by A. Tommerdahl to approve the consent agenda.*

*BEYL: aye; JOHANNSEN: aye; RAMSEY: absent; SMART: aye; TOMMERDAHL: aye.*

*MOTION PASSED.*

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A.** Add to New Business: **A. Vacuum, B. YMCA Summer Meals**

*MOTION: A. Tommerdahl moved; seconded by K. Beyl to approve the agenda with the listed additions.*

*BEYL: aye; JOHANNSEN: aye; RAMSEY: absent; SMART: aye; TOMMERDAHL: aye.*

*MOTION PASSED.*

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

**PRESIDENT:** President Johannsen reported on ongoing efforts to secure state and federal funding for infrastructure and street improvements, including congressional directed spending requests. He noted the City previously secured \$600,000 for water infrastructure, which may be used for other eligible infrastructure needs within the allowed timeframe.

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER:

**A. Financial Report:** The February financial report and March claims list totaling \$644.18 were presented for approval.

*MOTION: K. Beyl moved; seconded by M. Smart to approve the February financial report and payment of the following claims totaling \$644.18.*

City of Hendrum	\$120.98
Red River Valley Co-op	\$240.77

Internal Revenue Service	\$13.72
Red River Valley Co-op	\$215.04
Kotaco Fuels	\$53.67

BEYL: *aye*; JOHANNSEN: *aye*; RAMSEY: *absent*; SMART: *aye*; TOMMERDAHL: *aye*.

**MOTION PASSED.**

- A. COMMUNITY CLUB REPORT:** The Community Club reported that planning is underway for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in coordination with the church, with activities expected to include both breakfast and an afternoon egg hunt. The group continues to explore nonprofit status options, noting that pursuing 501(c)(3) designation has proven overwhelming, and is instead evaluating alternative nonprofit structures that may better fit the organization’s capacity. Additional discussion focused on storage concerns within the Infinity Center, with plans to move equipment and event materials to second-floor storage areas and improve organization ahead of upcoming events.
  
- B. HOMETOWN HOPE REPORT:** Hometown HOPE reported continued growth and positive momentum across its programs, including a recent site visit from representatives of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation related to multiple active grant applications, including a roof project. The organization highlighted expanded community outreach efforts such as the successful distribution of donated prom dresses to area schools, ongoing growth in the senior meals program, and increased demand for food pantry services. Additional updates included plans for exterior building improvements, continued volunteer engagement, and pursuit of a summer intern program to assist with website development and administrative capacity, all of which support Hometown HOPE’s mission to strengthen services and community impact in Hendrum and the surrounding area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Infinity Center:** President Johannsen reported on a recent vandalism incident at the Infinity Center, noting that the individuals responsible have been identified and restitution is expected, with most damage already cleaned by volunteers and additional repairs planned as needed.
  - **Dekko Foundation:** President Johannsen reported that additional information has been submitted to the Dekko Foundation regarding the roof repair grant request, and the EDA is awaiting a funding determination.

- **Fundraising:** Fundraising efforts remain on hold pending the Community Club’s ability to identify a specific project goal and nonprofit capacity to manage fundraising activities.
  - **Riverview Dairy:** President Johannsen reported that no additional communication has been received from Riverview Dairy regarding potential use of the Infinity Center, and alternative options, including consultation with auction services, are being explored.
- B. 304 Main St Roof:** Roof repairs remain on hold due to limited funding. Temporary patching will occur as weather allows.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Vacuum:** The existing vacuum used in the Professional Building is no longer repairable. Staff recommended purchasing a commercial-grade Sanitaire vacuum for approximately \$150.

*MOTION:* A. *Tommerdahl* moved; seconded by *M. Smart* to approve the purchase of the Sanitaire vacuum for \$150.

BEYL: *aye*; JOHANNSEN: *aye*; RAMSEY: *absent*; SMART: *aye*; TOMMERDAHL: *aye*.

*MOTION PASSED.*

- B. YMCA Summer Meals:** The board was informed that the YMCA plans to return to Hendrum for the Summer Meals Program in 2026, pending state approval. In 2025, Hendrum was served 5,288 meals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, *K. Beyl* moved; seconded by *A. Tommerdahl* to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. The next regular board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in the boardroom of the Professional Building located at 308 Main Street East in Hendrum, Minnesota.

Minutes submitted by: Keri Plemmons, Secretary/Treasurer