

ELYSIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 6, 2026
ELYSIAN CITY HALL
6:00 PM

The Elysian Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Administrator Kopischke administered the oath of office with Commissioner Bobby Houlihan answering.

Present were Commissioners Bobby Houlihan, Steve Ritchison, and Samantha Williams; Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Jason Dillon and Derek Westby.

Kopischke then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of President. On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Williams, to nominate Steve Ritchison for President. All voting in favor. Motion declared carried. Ritchison then took his place at the table and proceeded with nominations.

Ritchison then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. On motion by Ritchison, seconded by Houlihan, to nominate Samantha Williams for Vice President. All voting in favor. Motion declared carried.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to appoint Lorri Kopischke as Treasurer.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Williams, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the February 6, 2026 meeting as presented.

Judd Schultz, Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC), discussed the expenditure of \$21,000 Small Cities Grant funds that was returned to the Elysian EDA in December of 2023 by Le Sueur County. These funds can only be used for the same purpose as their original purpose which was a residential rehabilitation project.

Schultz explained the parameters of the program to include income limits of 80% of household median income based on household size. When a project is approved a lead assessment and radon test are required. These tests can be funded with the revolving fund money but that decreases the amount left to be applied to the rehab project. Due to the costs associated with administering these loans, Schultz suggested that this small amount of \$21,000 not be spent to develop a program or be split to fund multiple projects.

Schultz noted that MVAC administers projects throughout nine counties and the EDA funds could be added to one of those projects in the City of Elysian.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to request Minnesota Valley Action Council administer the Small Cities Grant funds in the amount of \$21,000 in conjunction with a project in the City of Elysian that is being funded by one of their other programs.

Revolving Fund Loan financial information was discussed. All loans are current. Loan #20 has been paid in full.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Williams, all voting in favor, to accept the financial report as presented.

Laura and Ron Romnes, Elysian Archery will be asked to be the next Business Spotlight of the month. The Commissioners asked if website statistics could be provided at the next meeting.

Staff provided the letter that was sent to all businesses in January to inform them that EDA funds are available.

Staff provided the letter that was sent to all businesses in 2024 offering them a website subscription at the annual rate of \$100. That period has expired.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to send an invitation to all businesses to advertise on the EDA website for an annual rate of \$100.

Staff reported that there is a party interested in the Pit Stop Gas Station and the pumps are being tested.

There were no visitor comments.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Attest:

Steve Ritchison, President

Lorri Kopischke, Administrator