

**ELYSIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2020  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
12:15 PM**

The Elysian Economic Development Authority met in special session on Friday, April 10, 2020 via teleconference at 12:15 pm.

Present were: President Mack Evans; Commissioners Bobby Houlihan, Mary Opsahl, and Derek Westby; Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Commissioner Steve Ritchison.

Angie Jenkins and Emily Swalve, owners of the Knotty Bar & Grill, 510 State Highway 60 West, have submitted a request for a 0% interest COVID-19 operational loan in the amount of \$10,000. The application states, "Funds will be used to maintain fixed expenses such as utilities, mortgage interest payment as well as operational vendor fees (food). Federal PPP and other offered programs during COVID19 pandemic are not geared for food service industry. We feel confident that our carry-out limited service menu will not only benefit the community but will allow us to maintain our operation until we are able to fully re-open." The owners also stated, "We have applied for Emergency Disaster Relief Loan (\$10,000) on 4-1-2020 with no gov't response to date."

The Commissioners discussed the request. It was noted that some of the Federal loans are difficult to obtain and that the Knotty's monthly minimum operational expenses are \$2,000 to \$3,000.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, to approve the request from Angie Jenkins and Emily Swalve, owners of the Knotty Bar & Grill, 510 State Highway 60, for a 0% COVID-19 operational loan in the amount of \$10,000 and for a pre-approval of an additional \$5,000 0% operational loan if needed at a later date. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Evans, Houlihan, Opsahl, Westby. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Kopischke reported that two other local businesses have applied for the 0% interest \$3,000 COVID-19 operational loan.

Commissioners reviewed a request from Brandi Zishka-Rossow, owner of Fitness Escape / Tranquil Escape Massage & Wellness, 207 Main Street East, for an additional \$1,080 revolving loan funds to be added to the loan approved on March 5, 2020. This would make the total amount of that revolving loan fund \$5,761.86. The original revolving loan of \$3,961.86 was for a surveillance system. It was determined that an additional door controller and POE Injector was needed to complete the system for a cost of \$1,080.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Westby, to approve the request of Brandi Zishka-Rossow for an additional \$1,080 revolving loan fund to be added to the loan approved on March 5, 2020. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Evans, Houlihan, Opsahl, Westby. Nays – None.

It was noted that all four restaurants in the City are offering take-out and curbside delivery. On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Opsahl, to purchase a \$50 gift card from Ellie Gail's Deli & Bakery, Knotty Bar & Grill, Tuckers Tavern, and Fischers Bar and have a Facebook giveaway of one card per week for the next four weeks. Participants are required to comment on the post

and at the end of the week, one winner will be drawn from the persons who commented. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Evans, Houlihan, Opsahl, Westby. Nays – None.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Evans, Houlihan, Opsahl, Westby. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Mack Evans, President

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Lorri Kopischke, Administrator