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“This is the wave of the future for sustainable farming for areas like ours, who traditionally just have a seasonal growing season,” Mason said.

EDA President Gail Rognerud said all the food sold from the facility, in addition to being locally grown, would be classified as organic.

“If you go to the facility you see how it actually works, it’s pretty amazing,” Rognerud said. “And the lettuce is beautiful, it’s not like lettuce we normally have.”

“It’s iceberg lettuce, and I can see, ‘Icebox of the Nation iceberg lettuce,’” EDA Commissioner Paul Eklund said. “That sounds great.”

The produce would also be eligible for exportation to Ontario, Mason said, as it’s grown in a soil-free process.



Cynthia Jaksa



Shawn Mason



Pete Kalar

begin within 12 months of the sale. This project’s 12-month deadline would begin once wetland mitigation is approved, Shermoen said.

“You’re probably looking at being operational in 2017, I would think,” Shermoen said.

Projects like this one are why the EDA purchased the multimodal district, Eklund said, and the development is good news for the local economy.

“It’s one of the most exciting propositions I’ve heard in a long time,” Eklund said. “It just shows that we can move forward into the future.”

Along with a recent project involving Rainy Lake Oil and Bergstrom Wood Products,

EDA Commissioner Pete Kalar said it shows more confidence in the local business community.

“It’s good to see people showing confidence in International Falls,” Kalar said. “We can do something like this, and (they) are willing to come here, and it says a lot for all the hard-working people here.”

In other business, the EDA approved on a 4-1 vote a motion to advertise for an exploratory committee to determine the need for a permanent housing and building committee. EDA Commissioner Bob Anderson voted against the motion.

The committee idea was proposed by EDA Commissioner Cynthia Jaksa, who initially proposed creating a permanent committee similar to the EDA Advisory Board. After discussion, she amended her proposal to the exploratory committee idea.

“To have the time, talent, energy and focus, you almost need a group of people devoted to this like we have an economic advisory board,” Jaksa said.

Eklund said he was curious about the direction the committee would take, as well as its scope. There is also a specific process in place for appointing committee members, he said, which should be followed.

“I’d like to see us follow process, to make sure we’re doing everything transparent,” Eklund said.

The committee would need to be exploratory to gauge interest to form a permanent committee, Kalar said.

The city of International Falls has a housing and redevelopment commission, Anderson said, which would be the first step before creating a new committee. Jaksa said she’s reached out to the commission, and hasn’t had

much participation from its members.

The housing issue is vital enough to support having more people involved, Eklund said.

“We really can’t have too many interested folks involved,” Eklund said. “If there’s interest, there’s interest, and we need as much help as we can get.”

International Falls city councilor-elect Brian Briggs, who was in the audience, said if the committee is formed, the EDA needs to spell out its rules and responsibilities, so people knew what it entails.

“If you’re going to try and get people to sign up, I haven’t heard what they’re signing up for, unless I missed that,” Briggs said.

Anderson voted against the motion, because he said he was confused by what the details of it were. Rognerud voted for it, and said she was a little confused by it as well.

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makes mashed potatoes and gravy to go with it and other Thanksgiving food. After that we eat it! Yum Yum!

**-Taylor**

My Grandma cooks the turkey on Thanksgiving. I think she stuffs it. I don’t really like stuffing. She seasons it and puts it in a big pan. I think she cooks it for about seven hours at about 100 degrees. She leaves it out too cool. Then she starts serving it.

**-Piper**

My mom gets a turkey at the store. First you put seasonings on it. Then we put it in the oven. It bakes for about

half an hour. We take it out of the oven. We let it cool. After that we put it on our plates to eat. Then we eat. We also have mashed potatoes and corn too.

**-Gage**

How to make a turkey? You get the turkey at the store. Get a pan. You cook it. We set the oven timer for about an hour. We set the oven at 355 degrees. We play while it cooks. Then we take the turkey out and have gravy and stuffing and eat. My grandma cooks it.

**-Logan**

We get our turkey at Super One. Both my mom and dad cook. They put a thermometer in it. They put it in a big pan and put it in the oven. It cooks for a half hour.

When it cooks they are making stuffing and rice. We make gravy with the juice. When it comes out of the oven we eat it. It tastes wonderful.

**-Paxton**

My mom cooks the turkey. She cooks it for 700 minutes. I wait for the turkey. We have mashed potatoes and gravy. She stuffs it. We eat it in Freedom.

**-Jaydon**

My dad brings the turkey to my Grandmas. First she pokes, then she puts it in the oven. She cooks mashed potatoes with it and puts gravy with both of them. It cooks for like an hour and I play with my cousins. Then it comes out of the oven and we eat it.

**-Shaylee**

**COUNCIL**  
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\$204,000 transfer, based on a 2007 water cost analysis, from the city’s water and sewer fund to the general fund to offset water and sewer expenses, and thereby reduce the levy for the general government fund, Anderson said.

In addition, the permanent improvement fund and reserve for capital outlay is expected to be reduced.

Anderson told the council at the conclusion of Monday’s meeting that further revisions must be made to cover a \$12,847 levy deficit.

Meanwhile, Anderson said International Falls property owners may not see an increase in 2015 in taxes they pay even with the proposed 2-percent increase in the city levy over 2014.

A \$109,000 increase in the city’s tax base should more than offset the levy increase on properties which have had no change in value, providing a slight decrease in the city’s portion of the taxes, he said.

“Even though there is an increase in the levy dollars, the increase is a lesser amount than the growth in the city,” he said.

In discussing the costs of the water and sewer services, councilors noted that residents in 2015 will see the final year of a three-year 5-percent increase in water and sewer rates.

The draft budget and levy worksheet shows the water and sewer fund at \$3.1 million in expenditures and \$3.6 million in revenues, with a \$600,000 transfer. Anderson said the city would pay \$1.7 million to the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District for

services.

Other city funds discussed Monday included the airport, showing expenditures of \$770,651 and revenues of \$489,025, with the levy filling a gap of \$281,626.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa asked about how the city could fund its share of costs, estimated at \$500,000, of a planned remodeling of the Falls International Airport terminal. Koochiching County, the co-owner of the airport, would also pay that amount toward the project.

Mayor Anderson, who serves as the chairman of the local airport commission, said the funding could be spread over the next four years. He said construction may begin in 2016, but hoped it would start in 2015.

Jaksa said the only way the city will be able to pay for the project is by a property tax increase.



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