

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall
January 26, 2009
4:00PM

Present: Jan Flolid, Rod Femrite, Dave Zerr, Rod Femrite

Absent: Bonnie Schultz, John Peterka, Kip Emerson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Lil Ortendahl, Phil Reed, Traci Ryan

Vice President Dave Zerr called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Motion by Jan seconded by Rod to approve the agenda, All Ayes.

Motion by Bruce seconded by Jan to approve the General Consent Items, All Ayes.

Osakis Properties – No Change

Organization for 2009

Place and Time of meeting: City hall at 4:00PM, 4TH Monday of the month

President: John Peterka

Vice President: Dave Zerr

Secretary/Treasurer: Angela Jacobson

Motion by Jan seconded by Rod to approve the organization outlined above. All ayes

OEDC – No Money received. The Industrial Park Payment is due March 1, 2009, will need to use city money to cover the payment until we receive OEDC money.

VFW – No Money

DEED Redevelopment Grant – Traci Ryan was in attendance to explain the DEED grant.

Angela called Traci and thought it would be a good idea to have Traci inform the board of the uses for the grant. Traci passed out grant information for the application. This grant can be used for substandard buildings, ground contamination. The grant covers 50% of the project if approved. The deadline is February 1st and August 1st. Projects discussed were the house next to the property that Mike Roach bought to build his condominium, the Central Allied concrete plant, the house located behind the Log Cabin pizza is in the process of being condemned. This grant could serve to promote new construction. The 50% match could be private party matching to continue the project. The city would be the middle person facilitating the grant.

The EDA would like Traci to write an article for the Osakis Review to see if anyone is interested in using the money to do some construction, and also have her contact Mike Roach to see if he is interested in this assistance.

Motion by Bruce 2nd by Rod to have Traci write article to be put in the Osakis Review and have the EDA review the article and call Mike Roach to see if he is interested in the grant money. All ayes

Osakis Visitor Guide –Angela presented the draft of the visitor guide ad for EDA approval, the consensus of the board was to approve the ad, with the change of the lower right sold lot. All ayes.

West Central Money – Chamber – Phil Reed was present to ask the EDA Board to submit a \$5,000 grant in their marketing budget to West Central Initiative. Phil called West Central and they stated money would be approved to be used for marketing.

The EDA Board has questions on the Marketing Budget of the Explore MN Newspaper and why LORA does not pay for this and also asked why the website cost is \$2,500 and the city cost is \$150 a year for the webhosting and updates.

The EDA also asked questions on the following for the budget: Building Maintenance, Copy Machine, Office, Utilities. Phil did not have an answer to these questions, but would ask for answer and get back to the EDA.

The West Central fund was created to promote Economic Development in Osakis, not to fund the Chamber, funds in West Central are not being replaced as in the past.

Motion by Jan to reject the petition for the \$5,000 grant to West Central, motion died for lack of seconded

Vice President Dave Zerr asked for another motion. No motion was received so Dave tabled the discussion until the all members were present to discuss.

Bruce asked if the 13,500 for the EDA contribution in the budget was the money from OEDC and if this is 45% and if so then the \$5,000 from West Central would be additional money, so the Chamber would received 18,500 when last year the Chamber only received \$15,000.

Phil would bring this information back to the chamber and ask if the Chamber would be willing to consider the \$5,000 an advance on the \$13,500 they would receive and bring this back to the February meeting.

Rod Femrite asked if we had heard anything on Integrated Manufacturing. He said he has heard they had filed for bankruptcy.

Lil brought up the Protech Auto building and the city should keep an eye on this property.

Future Agenda Items: Next meeting February 23rd.

Motion by Rod seconded by Bruce to adjourn meeting at 5:20pm, All Ayes.

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk