

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – Osakis City Hall
December 28, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Present: John Peterka, Jan Flolid, Kip Emerson and Bruce Pederson

Absent: Bonnie Schultz, Rod Femrite and Dave Zerr

Others Present: Lynnette Swenstad, Paul Vershure and Tim Nielsen

President John Peterka called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Motion by Bruce, seconded by Jan to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of Newcore and Lake Osakis Resort Association. All Ayes Absent: Bonnie, Rod and Dave

Motion by Jan, seconded by Bruce to approve the general consent items with the change to OEDC - \$1,250.00 to the Industrial Park Bond fund and \$1,250.00 to the Chamber. All Ayes Absent: Bonnie, Rod and Dave

Osakis Properties: No changes.

NewCore Wireless: Paul Vershure was present to discuss the leasing or purchasing of an Industrial lot to construct a 250' tower for Maximum Communication Cellular.

The company is expanding their services up to the Alexandria, Brainerd and northern Minnesota areas.

They are looking at an area 75' x 75' to construct a free standing tower. The tower cannot be abutting to a Residential area.

If the land is leased, the agreement would possibly be for 30 to 50 years. The additional costs in taxes over the years would be paid for by the company.

Kip feels this would help generate funds for the city if constructed on an industrial lot owned by the city.

Bruce prefers to keep the Industrial Park lots for industrial use.

Paul informed the EDA board that they want to construct the tower as close to the city as possible. The tower would also be designed to support other carriers.

Tim Nielsen would like to see the tower located on the outskirts of town. Other site locations included a private lot south of King Street.

Paul will look into other sites in the area.

Jan suggested that the Industrial Park lots be the final option.

NewCore Wireless will be tabled until the next meeting.

Letter from Tracy Ryan: Motion by Kip, seconded by Jan to approve to change the JobZ Agreement for Lind-Rite Precision from 33 jobs to 31 jobs. All Ayes Absent: Bonnie, Rod and Dave

Lake Osakis Resort Association: Motion by Jan, seconded by Kip to approve the ½ page ad in the 2010 Osakis Visitor Guide for \$150.00. All Ayes Absent: Bonnie, Rod and Dave

Business Restoration: Tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Jan, seconded by Emerson to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.