

**Osakis Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 4:00 PM**

**Present:** Bruce Pederson, John Peterka, Dave Zerr, Justin Dahlheimer, Ryan Peterson, Bonnie Schultz  
Keith Emerson (left at 4:16 p.m.)

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Angela Jacobson, Lil Ortendahl, Lynnette Swenstad, Candy Bruder

Meeting called to order by John Peterka at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Visitors Center. All Ayes

Jacobson explained the Osakis housing funds are there to be utilized to incentive single family owner occupiers homes. The funds cannot be used for other loans. The fund balance must be used or paid back when the TIF is finalized.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Zerr, to approve the general consent items. All Ayes

**West Central Report:** \$5,100 has not been paid of a \$10,000 loan and \$35,600 has not been paid for another loan. Both have defaulted.

**Hendricks Addition:** Emerson stated the council was not in favor of purchasing Hendricks land. The council felt that it would be bailing out Jerry Hendricks. The council also thought the price Hendricks was asking was too high. The council voted 4 to 1 to not approve the purchase of the land.

Emerson thinks the purchase would be a good deal and voted against the decision.

Dahlheimer stated the market has moved but not big enough if a good deal. Dahlheimer asked why did a private development not buy it? There are extra cost for improvements for street and water. Also will be administration costs.

Just this week, the street had not been plowed because of the snow and it is too hard to get done the street.

Dahlheimer discussed that he felt that it may be worth tearing down homes in older areas. But others stated this may pose a problem if people do not want to rebuild on those lots in older parts of town.

Emerson feels Hendricks is a good investment to purchase the Hendricks land. It already has a road and water/sewer services.

If the city bought the land, it would have city services to clean the road.

Emerson left at 4:16 p.m.

**OEDC:** No funds received.

**VFW:** No funds received.

**Visitors Center Staffing:** Jacobson asked the EDA to donate \$1,500 from their EDA funds to help with summer staffing.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Pederson, to approve \$1,500 from the EDA fund for Visitors Center staffing for 2019. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

**New Business:** EDA Board discussed incentives for new businesses.

Discussion was also held regarding the following:

- Expansion of new business.
- Precision Roadway Services will be moving to County Line Marine.
- The Precision Roadway Services building is for sale in the Industrial Park.
- Feasibility study for a Grandstay Lodge.
- Marina – Park Dedication funds could be used along with Legacy funds for a marina. Dahlheimer will check with Bill Engebretson to see if we can get funding.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Next meeting will be held March 25th, 2019.

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Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer