

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall
April 22nd, 2019 4:00 PM

Present: Bruce Pederson, John Peterka, Bonnie Schultz, Ryan Peterson, Keith Emerson, Justin Dahlheimer, Dave Zerr

Absent: None

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Chris Drown

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

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the general consent items, bills and treasurers report. All Ayes

OEDC: No funds received. No meeting.

Motel: Chris Drown was in attendance to discuss with the EDA a motel/hotel for Osakis. Drown explained that it would be Grand Stays Motel which have motels in Parkers Prairie and Glenwood.

Drown contacted them because they own motel/hotels close to the Osakis area and would be most likely to invest in Osakis.

Drown said they looked at it a year ago and Grand Stays came to Osakis to look at the area. They looked at the Industrial Park amenities, size and events in the area. Resorts used to have hospitality but not a lot anymore for visitors.

In order to move forward with Grand Stays, we need to do a market study and look at Osakis to see if it meets their needs.

Drown showed the EDA some prices. Greg Hanis had prices for different types of market studies they do.

Drown came into this and knows if it does not meet their needs there will not be a deal.

Drown owns Shady Oak Campgrounds by Nelson and will be purchasing Just Like Grandmas in Osakis to make it into a Bed & Breakfast. The building will have eight rooms for guests. Drown has an interest in the community.

Drown informed the EDA that his neighbor bought Crooked Willow and sees a need to have rooms for people to stay while in the area and using the event center.

There would be a timeline for a market study. The time depends on the reports that are needed and how involved they want to have it. The report is needed to be able to show what is needed for a motel/hotel.

Grand Stays would have a swimming pool, conference center and room rentals.

The EDA asked what they can do to help the process. Drown is just bringing it to the EDA because he feels it would be a valuable asset to Osakis. Drown has a realtors license and thinks it would be a good fit.

The EDA can decide if they want to do the market study and receive the report to see if it will work for a hotel in Osakis.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson, to approve \$5,000 for a market study and the full report. All Ayes

VFW: No funds received.

EDA Housing Requests: EDA Board reviewed the Housing Applications.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Schultz, to approve Mike and Lindsay Kugel up to \$6,500 for remodeling at 307 Pike Street West. All Ayes

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve Ellsworth Nelson up to \$10,000 for remodeling at 502 1st Avenue West. All Ayes Abstain: Schultz

EDA Board discussed an application submitted by Andrew Thole. Thole is in the process of purchasing the property at 609 1st Avenue East and moving in a prefab house.

The purpose of the money is to promote local economy and businesses and the EDA feels moving a prefab house in still promotes housing and local spending.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Pederson, to approve Andrew Thole up to \$15,000 for a new dwelling at 609 1st Avenue East. All Ayes

Small Cities: Jacobson updated the EDA Board that the \$3,925 left from the small cities grant can be spent however we want to use it on housing. If it is under a total of \$35,000 of small cities money, then it is considered local money.

I-94 Sign: The back of the sign will be worked on when it dries up.

Items for Future Agendas: I-94 Sign

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Zerr, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. All Ayes

Next meeting will be held the 3rd Monday – May 20th, 2019.

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer