

**Osakis Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall**  
**January 27, 2020 4:00 PM**

**Present:** Justin Dahlheimer, Bonnie Schultz, Bruce Pederson, Keith Emerson, Ryan Peterson (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

**Absent:** John Peterka, Dave Zerr

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

Meeting called to order by Bruce Pederson at 4:03 p.m.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Emerson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Housing Grant Application and MN Housing Program (MCPD). All Ayes Absent: Zerr, Peterka, Peterson

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Emerson, to approve the general consent items, minutes, bills, treasurer's report. All Ayes Absent: Zerr, Peterka, Peterson

**EDA Housing Request:** EDA reviewed Housing Grant Application from Twila Kern. Project includes replacing siding and windows. Kern meets income and location requirements.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Schultz, to approve the Housing Grant Application for Twila Kern at a maximum of \$10,000 and to approve the low bid in the amount of \$30,303. All Ayes Absent: Zerr, Peterka, Peterson

**OEDC:** EDA Request form – Update dates for 2020 year.

**CPP Program:** Jacobson informed the EDA Board that the council approved participation in the program for 2020.

The first time the city participated was 2019. Funds distributed were in the amount of \$252,314 for 2 homes.

The amount approved for 2020 is \$100,000. The program will help first time home buyers receive a low interest loan and down payment financing.

Another program offered to incentive home buyers in Osakis.

Peterson arrived at 4:10 p.m.

**Hotel:** Peterson said that he had talked to Tom Busch of the Best Western Motel/Hotel chain. Busch doesn't feel they will participate and feels a privately owned inn would do better in Osakis.

Peterson also talked to Wyndam. They put up Days Inn Motel/Hotel chains and will be in town Wednesday to look at the town.

Dahlheimer talked to Brad Linquist which has done projects in the area. Linquist said that the per room cost of about \$100,000 is accurate.

Linguist had asked if Osakis was the county seat or if we had a hospital in town. Those items are things that they would want.

Other items Linguist discussed:

- Signage to 82
- Number of units for Osakis. 60 units is too big for our area.
- Lake area access. Slips for an extended stay in the area is possible.

Dahlheimer said that he was very interested that Crooked Willow was so close. They have a venue that can hold a capacity of 500 people.

Weekends would not be an issue for people in the area but would need to look at Tuesdays to Thursdays to fill rooms.

Peterson will talk to other hotel franchise groups and see what interest there would be.

**Business Plaza:** Have not heard anything from Jump4fun. There are issues with the commitments between parties to continue with the project.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

Hotel discussion.

Pederson will be gone for the next two meetings.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. All Ayes

Next meeting will be held February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. .

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Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer