

**Osakis Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall**  
**February 24, 2020 4:00 PM**

**Present:** Justin Dahlheimer, Keith Emerson, Dave Zerr, Bonnie Schultz, John Peterka

**Absent:** Bruce Pederson, Ryan Peterson

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

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

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Robert & Mary Schultz Housing Application for Demolition. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Peterson

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

**EDA Housing Request:** EDA reviewed the Housing Grant Application from Robert & Mary Schultz.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the Housing Grant Application for Robert & Mary Schultz for demolition of the existing dwelling at 19 Nokomis Street West for a maximum of \$4,543 and must build a new dwelling on the property before receiving the funds. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Peterson

Schultz asked about new housing application requiring two bids.

Schultz has a contractor lined up and a new dwelling will be over \$50,000.

EDA Board agreed that one bid can be used for new construction and not go through the process of getting two bids.

The EDA would like language drafted to show if over \$50,000 for a new build, then only one bid is required.

**EDA Housing Grant:** EDA discussed the Housing Grant Program:

- Grant fund balance is \$13,415.00
- Looking at making promotions in 2020 to get more applications.
- Pushing the program with the remaining funds will not give a lot of money for the program.

Jacobson would like to do more ads on Facebook, city website and flyers but wants direction of funds that will be designated to the program.

The balance in the 502 fund is \$411,000. \$93,000 was received for 2019 taxes.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve additional funds in the amount of \$75,000 to the Housing Grant Program. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Peterson

**West Central Initiative:** EDA reviewed the funds balance interest that was presented.

**VFW:** \$500 was received from the VFW for the Osakis Firemens Auxiliary for Easter Day.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Zerr, to approve the VFW funds to the Osakis Firemens Auxiliary in the amount of \$500 for Easter Day. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Peterson

**Hotel:** Discussed building with Wyndam Hotels and possible incentives offered by other cities to help with the project.

Peterson continues to contact other hotels.

Surveys will be done for the Comp Plan. A survey may designate some needs in the community that the EDA could help with.

**Land Rent:** The EDA Board discussed the Marthaler property:

- Purchased 22 acres for \$77,000.
- Taxes for 2019 were \$575.00 - \$26.15 per acre.
- Property in the Industrial Park is 6.9 acres with a value of \$25,000.
- Cost per acre for taxes was \$26.

EDA discussed if the land should be rented or not this year.

EDA wants Jacobson to check on any possible farmers to rent the land for 2020. Price to rent was discussed but not decided. We want to cover the cost of the taxes with a little extra.

**Marc Moen:** Jacobson had a discussion with Moen:

- Moen said his proposed renter (Jump4Fun) was having a hard time following items on the agreement and wanted changes.
- Said Moen couldn't use earnest funds to help pay for what was done.
- Looking at other possibilities to rent.
- Still would like to rent to Jump4Fun if it works out.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

Hotel.

Marc Moen.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Peterson

Next meeting will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.