

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – January 24th, 2022 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: John Peterka, Bonnie Schultz, Dave Zerr, Dan Wessel, Justin Dahlheimer, Tonya Danielson, Randy Anderson, Ryan Peterson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson

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

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition Ryan Smith.
Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

Oath of Office: Tonya Danielson read the Oath of Office. Danielson will fill the vacant position of Bruce Pederson until 2028.

Election of Officers: Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Anderson, to approve to appoint the same positions for 2022 – President John Peterka, Vice-President Dave Zerr and Secretary Bonnie Schultz.
Motion Carries Absent: Peterson

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Zerr, to approve the official EDA meetings to be held on the 4th Monday, at 4:00 p.m. at city hall. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson

Ryan Peterson arrived.

JDecor54: The owners of JDecor54 (Jacque and Jenny) were present. Asking about the revolving loan fund and storefront renovation. They want to fix the front windows, paint, tuck-point the brick and update the sign.

Jacque and Jenny stated they did not get a bid for these projects but are waiting on a final bid for the storefront. They did get a bid for the roof that will be done in March. They would like to get a loan for all the projects at one time.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the storefront renovation for paint, window, doors, sign and roof for JDecor54, and also to loan revolving funds from West Central Initiative with 50% from the West Central Initiative fund and 50% from the Osakis loan fund. West Central to help cover the gaps for funds needed for the project. Motion Carries

Slum & Blight: No update on the Withers property.

Industrial Park Sign: Discussion was held regarding what to do on the sign. Wessel offered a sign he has. Zerr will discuss with Jacobson what sign is wanted to put up on the property for the Industrial Park.

Hotel: Greg Hanis has multiple reports. Hanis has a desktop model or full reports to get the information needed on a possible hotel. This will help investors to look at a hotel in Osakis.

Crooked Willow had 58 weddings booked for 2022. Other corporate groups can also utilize the rooms at the hotel.

At least 2 million of investor funds must be raised to get a hotel in Osakis.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterka, to approve the desktop model of the hotel study with Greg Hanis.
Motion Carries Absent: Peterson

Downtown Improvement District: Dalheimer talked to Maynard Michaels about selling his property. May be able to look at purchasing and cleaning it up with funds. EDA discussed funding from the downtown district to help the downtown areas and keep these properties active.

Ryan Smith: Smith talked to Peterka. 21 acres of land he has for sale. Could attract someone to buy the property to put a business there. Smith would like to be part of the development of a business if they need a partner.

Industrial Park 5.9 acres: Ryan Smith is interested in the 5.9 acres in the Industrial Park. Smith would like the lot for storage units and would buy the land if he is able to sell the 21 acres. Smith stated he wanted to start at the offer where it was left off.

The EDA felt they do not want to sell to someone for a deal unless they were putting in a business that is adding jobs.

Vacant houses and empty lots: Discussion regarding available funds to clean up the properties and build new in Osakis, and using these funds to get these empty lots used for housing.

Habitat for Humanity Housing Project has not been in Osakis to construct new home. It was asked if they could help build new homes.

Will look into the open lots and vacant land to discuss at the next meeting.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer, to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson

Next meeting – February 28th, 2022

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer