

**Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – June 27th, 2022 4:00 PM**

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Randy Anderson

Others Present: Lynnette Swenstad

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wessel, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carries Absent: Anderson

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Zerr, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report and May 23, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion Carries Absent: Anderson

VFW: \$400 from the VFW for a donation to the Trail Blazers Saddle Club.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Zerr, to approve the donation from the VFW to the Trail Blazers Saddle Club in the amount of \$400. Motion Carries Absent: Anderson

Housing Grant: Peterson commented on the grant amount for building a new house. The current amount is \$15,000 towards a new home. Peterson would like to see an increase in this amount to give more incentives for building.

Discussion to increase the amount to \$30,000 - \$35,000. Discussed requirements for a down payment on a new home and with an increase to the housing grant, it would give a reason to look in Osakis for building.

It was asked what the number of houses that Habitat for Humanity builds each year – they average four new houses per year and only have room for one more this year.

All lots in Osakis Properties are now owned by Dirk Hagedon. EDA will review the list of vacant lots and discuss again at the July meeting.

Discussed raising the amount to \$25,000 and see how it goes.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Schultz, to approve an increase from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for new home construction in the Community Housing Assistance program. Motion Carries Absent: Anderson

Serger Property: EDA was informed that Joann Serger and David Serger have signed the papers for the sale of the property. The papers from the 3rd party have not been received at this time.

Wessel attended the Mayors Convention and stated there were a lot of city planners there. Has some good information but wants to talk with the council first.

Shane Bay: No new information.

Hotel/Motel: Peterson informed the EDA that he received the final report. Also had a contact list for investors. There is an interest in AVID Hotels – mid scale hotel with very modern rooms. They were a new in 2017 with 40 to 60 room hotels.

Peterson will call the contacts – asking what is expected in the process. Peterson will bring the responses to the July meeting.

Danielson asked if they look for local investors.

We would want to have private investors to get the project going. The ration is usually 1/3 (private investors) to 2/3 (hotel investors).

Danielson also asked if there were any locations being looked at.

A few options that had been discussed include property by King Street, Hensley's lot between 1st and 2nd Avenue East and the Charter School property.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Danielson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Anderson

Next meeting – July 25th, 2022

Lynnette Swenstad – Deputy City Clerk