

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2022 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Dan Wessel, John Peterka, Bonnie Schultz, Randy Anderson, Ryan Peterson

Absent: Justin Dahlheimer, Dave Zerr

Others Present: Angela Jacobson

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

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Danielson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of mayor's comments. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Peterson, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report and August 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

VFW: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Peterson, to approve a VFW donation in the amount of \$989.44 for Clean Up Day t-shirts and \$3,000 to Taste of Osakis. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

Pharmacy: A public meeting was held on September 21, 2022 at the Community Center. About 25 to 30 people were present to hear comments on the pharmacy changes and relocation of Thrifty White to Alexandria. Residents have options on local pharmacy with Kristie Giesler. The Galeon is working to help the community to have a local pharmacy.

Hotel/Motel: Peterson updated the board. He had talked to Eric Tweenten (Grandstay). A handful of people would need 25% equity in the project – about 1.5 million in investments.

Tweenten would work to make it happen after investors are in place.

Need to have pledges to get investments up and going on the project. The investor base would come from the community. Ten investors, each investing \$150,000 would get to the 1.5 million.

The next step is to look for investors for a name brand hotel and set up a meeting to get information about the hotel.

Names of interest will be given to Peterson, and schedule a date for a meeting for those interested.

Housing Grant: EDA reviewed an application for Dan & Stacy Foss for window replacement.

At the last meeting, the board wanted to make sure of the target area for the housing grant.

The target area is first priority if funds are limited and should be followed more strictly. EDA now has funds to help all of Douglas County.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Peterson, to approve a housing grant in the amount of \$5,447.85 for Dan & Stacy Foss at 110 Lavens Lake View Dr. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

Electric Car Charger: Dahlheimer was not present – will have information at the next meeting.

Habitat for Humanity: EDA discussed getting prices to remove the debris from the house burn at 112 Queen Street West. Try to keep it local if we can and have it cleaned up for next spring.

Budget: Jacobson explained the budget. Admin expense goes to the general fund. 10% of all TIF funds can only be used for admin expenses and cannot be spent on projects.

Mayor Comments: Wessel commented that things need to be clean up and taken care of. We have been the nice guy in town, but it's time to get things taken care of.

Discussed sending letters. See how properties are cleaned up after 90 days.

Wessel commented that he will lead the charge but needs the backing of the boards. Our community needs to strive to become a better community.

Wessel will pick 4 to 5 ordinances to look into. Council will review the ordinances and start to be more strict on them. We need to all work together to get the city cleaned up. Enforce ordinances and get people to follow the rules.

Mick Miller: Jacobson, Zerr and Peterka met and talked about the offer from Miller. They would like to see manufacturing in the agreement and would like to see Miller move forward and apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, to approve a Purchase Agreement with Mick Miller and My Dakota Storage for a total of \$50,471, assessment in the amount of \$23,762 and go through the Conditional Use Permit process for a manufacturing facility. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Danielson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer, Zerr

Next meeting – October 24, 2022

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer