

**Osakis Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2022 4:00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Justin Dahlheimer

**Others Present:** Angela Jacobson

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

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Danielson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Kristie Giesler grant. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Anderson, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report and September 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer

**Mayor Comments:** Wessel commented on the Larson Insurance billboard sign:

- The Galeon will fix the sign and use it.
- Police work on cleaning up the issues in town. We want expansion for a growing town and want to enhance the looks for Osakis.

Sauk Centre was going to put up a hotel but decided not to. Two to three people from Sauk Centre are interested in investing. They may be interested in the hotel in Osakis.

**Appreciation Board:** This will be on the November EDA agenda.

**Pharmacy:** Jacobson commented regarding funding for transportation costs for Kristie Giesler:

- Delivering 25 to 30 items could take 3 to 4 hours and there could be help with these costs.

Other EDA discussion:

- EDA discussed a possibility of a grant to help with funding.
- VFW funding.
- GO fund me on Facebook.
- Ask for community support.

Jacobson will call Giesler to discuss this information.

**Hotel/Motel:** Eric Tweedt will present information at the informational meeting on November 3, 2022. This meeting will be at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

Information about the meeting will go out to the Osakis community via on-line, social media, residential letter and will be in the Osakis Anchor.

Investors are needed before the planning starts for the hotel. The informational meeting will look to get interest in investors.

**Serger House / Habitat Land:** EDA reviewed bids/quotes for the cleanup and excavation for disposal of the burned house.

Questions on the comparison of the quotes for disposal.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Wessel to table approval of the bids/quotes and get comparable ones that everything is included in the demo removal. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer

That includes water and sewer being capped off.

Jacobson will let the EDA know what is found out regarding the quotes to make a decision at the Community Center meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to schedule a special meeting to discuss the bids/quotes and review what is included to move forward with disposal.

**Mick Miller:** The Purchase Agreement for the Industrial Lot is signed. Miller must apply for a Conditional Use Permit and go through the process for approval with the Planning & Zoning to move forward with closing.

PA closing date says January 31, 2023.

**Future EDA:** Peterka will be resigning January 2023. The EDA spot for a Community at Large member will need to be filled at that time.

Mayor appointment – bring ideas to the EDA board to discuss mayor appointment for this position in January.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Dahlheimer

Next meeting – November 28, 2022

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Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer