

**Osakis Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023 – 4:00 PM**  
**City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East**

**Roll Call –**

**Present:** Randy Anderson, Tonya Danielson, Bonnie Schultz, Dave Zerr, Stephanie Finnegan (via Phone), Justin Dahlheimer (arrived at 4:05), Ryan Peterson (arrived at 4:13)

**Absent:** Dan Wessel

**Others Present:** Angela Jacobson

Meeting called to order by Dave Zerr at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Schultz, to approve the agenda with the addition of Mick Miller, Pull-tabs, Habitat for Humanity lot and park expansion. Motion Carries Absent: Wessel, Dahlheimer, Peterson

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

**VFW:** No funds.

**Mick Miller:** A public hearing was held at the February 16, 2023 Planning & Zoning meeting at which the rezoning and a Conditional Use Permit was approved. Council will review/approve at their March 13, 2023 meeting.

**DEED Application:** Discussion was held regarding a grant/loan for road improvements. 50% that could be looked at in the future. Trucks are using Pike Street East from 1st Avenue East which is a concern for the residential area.

**Tourism Bureau/Lodging Tax:** The EDA Board is for tourism. They would estimate about \$6,000 per year for tourism. Council will make the final changes to the Osakis Lodging Tax ordinance.

**Rollie Walsh:** There is interest in selling some property for lots but also purchasing more land for a development. Jacobson provided housing information for developments as part of the property and set house designs for them as information to look into.

**Electric Car Chargers:** No information.

**Certificate of Deposit:** Two CD's were purchased at the current rate of 4%. \$100,000 from the 530 fund and \$200,000 from the 502 fund.

**Bill Board:** There are concerns about the appearance of the bill boards on Hwy 27. They need to be kept up.

The Chamber and Galeon will be fixing the bill board on Nokomis Street West by Co Rd 3 for their use.

**Pull-Tabs:** Letters sent to each gambling organization. Jacobson will go to the meetings to request funds for the EDA. Asked for \$5,000 from each.

The EDA discussed pull-tab donations from all the organizations and where the funds come from. Will look into the donations we receive in 2023.

**Hotel:** EDA discussed:

- Funding options – tax abatement, TIF
- Lodging tax incentive
- Pledges from investors
- A write up on how the project would look with invested pledges and the options of the incentives.

**Grocery Store:** No news.

**Habitat for Humanity Lot:** Need to do a Quiet Title on the property. Cost is about \$3,000 and will take about 90 days to complete. Costs will come out of the 502 fund.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zerr, to approve a Quiet Title on the Habitat for Humanity lot. Motion Carries Absent: Wessel

**West Central Funds:** Balance is \$58,475.66.

**Park Planning Board:** Dahlheimer commented on the first right of purchase for the property to expand the park project. This will allow park planning on the property for future projects.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Wessel

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Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer