

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – July 24th, 2023 – 4:00 PM
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East

Roll Call –

Present: Bonnie Schultz, Dave Zerr, Dan Wessel, Justin Dahlheimer, Stephanie Finnegan, Tonya Danielson

Absent: Ryan Peterson, Randy Anderson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson

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

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Wessel, to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of First Right to Purchase agreement and grocery store. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Wessel, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report, and June 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

MCPD Funding: Available funding for Osakis residents that qualify. Promote to new home owners.

West Central Community Action: Act on at the September meeting – contact Joe Niehaus.

Lot for Sale: Dahlheimer suggested selling the lots for \$15,000 each.

Discussion to contact Punky Didier or someone to put in the sewer to the lot.

Cost were calculated based on assessment from the 2012 project:

- \$15,506 – Oak Street assessment
- \$22,165 – 8th Avenue assessment
- \$1,200 to \$1,500 – cost of the survey
- \$4,000 – cost estimate for the sewer

Total cost for the survey and installation of the sewer line is \$42,871 to \$43,171.

Discussion to sell the lots for \$21,000 per lot.

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Dahlheimer, to recommend to the council to ask \$25,000 per lot, survey completed and to hook up the sewer to the lot. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

Jacobson will get quotes for the sewer.

Olson Funding: Would like the funds to help with housing assistance, installation of a splash pad and bathroom improvements in Park Osagi.

EDA supports receiving funds to help with the splash pad. Discussed the Hensley lot downtown for an expansion and the splash pad. Park Committee will review and discussing planning.

Hotel/Motel: Look at the process for promoting the hotel/motel to investors. EDA will look at this topic in January 2024.

Habitat Housing: EDA discussed the use of local contractors for Habitat projects. Will need to check if the local contractors can be included.

Rollie Walsh: Reported that Walsh has no farm land available. Walsh is still looking for a trade.

Grocery Store: The board was informed that the Alexandria EDA approved funding in the amount of \$20,000.

Mark Malingen from FNB Osakis was in attendance at the Alexandria EDA meeting at presented the information.

West Central required an additional \$10,000 in funding for their approval.

St Agnes School: It was reported that the school is going to be closing. In order to stay open, support is needed from the community. Osakis High School is sending support for the school – also the EDA members support the school to stay open.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Peterson, Anderson

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer