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Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2024 – 4:00 PM
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East

Present: Randy Anderson, Dan Wessel, Tonya Danielson, Justin Dahlheimer, Laura Backes, Brian Ferris
Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Melissa Wyman

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Danielson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Brian Ferris was given the EDA Oath of Office.

Motion by Danielson, seconded by Ferris, to approve Ryan Peterson as EDA secretary. Motion Carried

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Danielson, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report, and June 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion Carried

Melissa Wyman (Todd County Development Corporation):

Wyman discussed Todd County programs:

- Housing study and capacity building – joint applications were put in for.
- Tools used in economic development.
- Program for MN Housing and DEED.
- Find out in February 2025.

Small Cities / MN DEED:

Need to work with a consultant on community surveys.

Sourcewell match for cost of housing study.

Land – look for tax forfeited land. Contact those that would get developed.

DEED – workforce for housing. Market rate at 80% API. Osakis residents can make \$48,000 to qualify for programs.

Child Care POD System – Lease property for child care businesses. With non-profit group as owner – 6 in 1 building to use for rent for child care or rent out if not used.

DEED booklet for programs available is on their website.

Discussed absentee land owners – put in place stronger requirements and more pressure to get properties clean up and keep properties improved.

Rollie Walsh:

Walsh is done and not wanting to sell.

Habitat for Humanity: Still waiting on the easement for the second lot with Habitat's attorney. One lot that was sold will be building this fall.

Marina: Will have information at the next meeting in September or October.

Engfer Property: Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Backes, to approve the Purchase Agreement for Rick Engfer's property as presented. Motion Carried

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson, to approve to proceed with a feasibility study on the land with WSB if Engfer signs the purchase agreement. Motion Carried

Gambling: Discussed what the EDA has completed and the history of West Central and gambling funds.

Long Prairie EDA: Wessel will be attending Long Prairie's EDA meeting.

Housing Grant:

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Backes, to approve a housing grant in the amount of \$10,000 for Ronn & Carla Mindeman at 501 6th Avenue West. Motion Carried

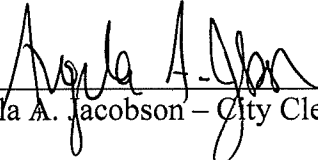
Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Danielson, to approve a housing grant in the amount of \$7,664.43 for Riley Goracke at 108 8th Avenue East. Motion Carried

I-94 Sign: Ask for a quote for the billboard for repairs.

Industrial Park Improvements: The 530 fund has \$250,000. EDA was asked what do they want to put towards the project? Council will get EDA an amount for the project.

Motion by Danielson, seconded by Wessel, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion Carried

Next meeting – August 26th, 2024



Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer