Osakis Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2024 – 5:30 PM City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East

Present: Randy Anderson, Tonya Danielson, Laura Backes, Dan Wessel, Brian Ferris

Absent: Justin Dahlheimer

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Chub Hensley, Mike Kral, Melissa Wyman, Doug Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Danielson, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Motion by Backes, seconded by Danielson, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report, and September 23, 2024 meeting minutes. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Grant: Melissa Wyman was in attendance to discuss the Child Care Grant:

- 50% grant child paid program.
- Host on a property
- Individual system for daycares.
- Pods operate like in home daycares.
- Centers need to meet extra criteria.
- City to host has challenges for
 - o If not full to rent out.
 - o City to operate and to manage it or company.

Planning grant applications can be applied for:

- First children finance #1 for planning grants.
- Initiative Foundation child care #1 financing.

Need to apply for planning grant first before pods.

Todd County Development Corp – upcoming to get grants going and Wyman will keep the EDA informed.

Donation Funds: Discuss at the next meeting.

Jeff Martin: Marina/Pier – can use property or rent – need to look more in depth at the project.

Gambling Form Requests: Members discussed funds, priorities, goals and cost for past projects.

15 to 20 businesses – what we used for these funds we can see what balance we should have.

Discussed half of the gambling rent at the Liquor Store to be used for EDA – no motion was made.

City – list of prioritizing for goals – focus on funding.

I-94 sill waiting on bids. Lions donated to the Welcome to Osakis on Hwy 27. Ferris will look at the sign.

Housing Grant: Grant application submitted by Matt & Charnell Laven for a new dwelling.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Danielson, to approve a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for Matt & Charnell Laven at 604 7th Avenue West pending no red flags on approval of Jason Murray. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Grant application submitted by Karley Colberg and Richard Vance. Only one bid was submitted (2 are required).

Discussed encouraging residents to get bids from local contractors and the lumber yard.

Motion by Wessel, seconded by Danielson, to add to application, work with local contractors and get 2nd bid for material list. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Rollie Walsh: Walsh still wants solar panels and will then look at property. Wessel will keep in touch.

EDA looking for available lots for housing – will review at the next meeting.

Motion by Danielson, seconded by Backes, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Angela A. Jacobson - City Clerk/ Treasurer