

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2004
6:00 p.m.
Commissioners Board Room, Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by: Robert Bristlin
Type of meeting: Regular Meeting
Attendees: Bob Bristlin, Harry Salminen, Gerald Schram, Paul Joyce, Mike Metelak, Terry Johnson, Dan Aune (left meeting at 6:25 pm). Others present: Stan Thurlow, Jon Thomsen, Shawn Olson, and Nathan Bowe
Board Members Absent: None

Agenda topics

- 1) **Call Regular Meeting to Order:** B Bristlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda: Motion** and second to approve the Agenda as presented (Aune, Schram), carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion and second to approve the Minutes of the December 2003 Regular Board Meeting (Schram, Joyce), carried.
- 4) **Financial Report:** Staff presented the December 2003 Financial Report and requested approval to pay MCIT bill. **Motion** and second to accept the financial report as presented and approve payment to MCIT (Aune, Schram), carried.
- 5) **Housing Report:** Staff presented a potential project that could resolve Becker County's space issues in the building that currently houses Becker County Human Services. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to put down earnest money and pursue an option to purchase proposed properties contingent upon County Board approval and successful award of MURL/CRV grant funds (Metelak, Johnson), carried. **Motion** and second to submit appropriate MURL/CRV grant applications for this project (Metelak, Schram), carried.
- 6) **Economic Development Report:** Monthly report had been incorporated into Annual Report.
- 7) **EDA Board of Directors: Open Forum:** D Aune announced that Lake Park is satisfied with the EDA's Housing Department's new home construction program. Discussion followed.
- 8) **Old/New Business:** J Thomsen reported that he met with Gene Benson with Lutheran Social Services. They are requesting a decrease in the rent due to the downturn in occupancy. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to amend the current lease that ends 8/2004, reducing the rent to \$1,065 per month, beginning January 1, 2004 (Salminen, Joyce), carried. J Thomsen updated the Board on the Supportive Housing Meetings with Mahube Community Council. The City of Detroit Lakes HRA has reviewed the project and would like to be involved if the Becker County EDA elects not to move forward. Discussion followed and the EDA Board requested that staff move forward with the project. There being no further business to be brought before the Board,
- 9) **Adjourn: Motion** and second to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm (Schram, Johnson), carried.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Jon Thomsen
Acting Housing Director

/s/ Robert Bristlin

Board President

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