

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2006
3:30 p.m.
Lake Melissa Meeting Room, Human Services Building
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by: Mike Metelak
Type of meeting: Regular Meeting
Attendees: Karen Mulari, Harry Salminen, Mike Metelak, Terry Johnson, Gerald Schram, Dan Aune
Staff present: Jon Thomsen, Guy Fischer, Shawn Olson
Other Attendees: Hank Ludtke and Kelcey Klemm (City of Frazee)
Board Members Absent: Paul Joyce

Agenda topics

- 1) **Call Regular Meeting to order:** M Metelak called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:** Addition to agenda: *Hawley Lot Prices & Assessments* to Item #5. **Motion** and second to approve the Agenda as amended (H Salminen, G Schram), carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2006 Regular Meeting:** **Motion** and second to approve the minutes of the October 12th Regular Meeting (T Johnson, H Salminen), carried.
- 4) **Financial Report:**
 - a) **Monthly Financial Report:** Staff presented the monthly financial report. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to accept the monthly financial report (G Schram, D Aune), carried.
 - b) **Becker County Workshop:** Staff presented the actual expenditures, along with estimates for November and December. Discussion followed. Staff presented the 2006 and 2007 Budgets for the Workshop. **Motion** and second to adopt the 2006 and 2007 Budgets for the Becker County Workshop as presented (T Johnson, K Mulari), carried.
- 5) **Monthly Economic Development Report:** K Klemm (City of Frazee) presented an update report on the Swift Task Force activities. He noted that the next step is to start acquiring property and begin the land survey; an Asbestos Abatement RFP is being developed. Discussion followed. G Fischer reported on the potential for the Department of Commerce (DOC) donating wind-monitoring equipment to the Detroit Lakes campus of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MSCTC) to enable them to meet training requests for wind energy technicians. An area wind development company is interested in recruiting students from the MSCTC campus and is interested in working with MSCTC's curriculum development. Discussion followed. G Fischer updated the Board on Outland LLC activities and the potential for them to approach communities that are interested in developing a municipal wind project. H Ludtke noted that the City of Frazee has begun wind testing and are pleased

with the test results. Discussion followed. G Fischer noted that the small-scale biodiesel plant feasibility study is still pending and he reported on his meeting with DEED about the State's Resort Loan Program and sales tax rebate for resorts. H Ludtke provided maps of the Ike Fischer property adjacent to Frazee. Discussion followed on how the land would potentially be used. G Fischer reported that the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Community-Based Research Program Application has been submitted; if approved, a Master's Degree student research assistant would use GIS to identify Becker County tax forfeited land most suitable for conservation and recreational development. Discussion followed. G Fischer spoke about the Carbon (CO2) Credit Program and the opportunities for owners of eligible lands. Discussion followed on the Entrepreneurship Workshop held in Staples. D Aune presented the Board with information about Hawley commercial and residential lot prices and the special assessments. Discussion followed; it was noted that the commercial land in Lake Park is competitively priced. Discussion followed on the EDA Board's continued support of renewables and their desire to have staff educated on the topic.

6) Monthly Housing Report: J Thomsen reported that the 12-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project, started several years ago by Scott Wilson and Lana Fralich, has been funded. The EDA was recently notified of the award of \$1,667,300 in funding for the project. Funding for the Permanent Supportive Housing Project includes \$1.4 million in state general obligation bonds, \$217,300 in GMHF deferred loan funds and \$50,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation. G Fischer will coordinate the project; he will be working with the planning, design and construction of the 12-unit complex that will be owned and managed by the Becker County EDA. Discussion followed. An additional \$200,075 in state general obligation bond funds was award for the modernization of the EDA's Willow Building and Highway 34 Group Home. Discussion followed. J Thomsen reported that the Manager of the Becker County Workshop approached him about the possibility of the EDA purchasing a building for their use; the Workshop would lease for building for the operation of a retail store. No action taken.

7) EDA Board – Open Forum: Discussion followed on Marine Innovation's Open House, the Economic Development meeting to be held Monday at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes and the concern for the loss of resorts on West Lake Drive to land developers. M Metelak will attend the meeting on Monday and report back. There being no further business brought before the Board,

8) Adjourn: Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. (G Schram, H Salminen), carried.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jon Thomsen
Housing Director

/s/ M Metelak
EDA Board President