

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Lake Melissa Room, Human Services Building
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by:	Dan Aune
Type of meeting:	Regular Meeting
Attendees:	Harry Salminen, John Bellefeuille (arrived at 3:40), Dan Aune, Terry Johnson, Karen Gray, Paul Joyce (left at 4:30), Michael Brown Staff present: Jon Thomsen, Guy Fischer, Shawn Olson Others Present: Hank Ludtke (City of Frazee)
Board Members Absent:	None

Agenda topics

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to order:** D Aune called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.
- 2) Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:** Addition: Budget Discussion. **Motion** and second to approve the amended Agenda as presented (H Salminen, P Joyce), carried.
- 3) Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2009 Regular Meeting:** **Motion** and second to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting (H Salminen, K Gray), carried.
- 4) Monthly Financial Report:** The written report was presented by staff. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to accept the report as presented (H Salminen, P Joyce), carried. (J Bellefeuille arrived)
- 5) Monthly Economic Development Update Report:** G Fischer briefed the Board on the West River Townhomes. He updated them on Frazee activities and the Heartland Trail; discussion followed. He reported on the K-12 entrepreneurial curriculum initiative recently begun for area schools and Lake Park's interest in housing and economic development. G Fischer reviewed the details of the 1999 industrial park development agreement between the EDA and DLDA and requested Board input on terminating the agreement; discussion followed. **Motion** and second to table the discussion, staff instructed to further evaluate and report back at the next meeting (T Johnson, P Joyce), carried.
- 6) Housing Choice Voucher Program:** J Thomsen expressed concern over a potential funding shortfall in the rental assistance program; the program is operating at 2008 funding levels until congress enacts the final appropriations; discussion followed; staff was instructed to report back. No action taken.
- 7) Budget Discussion:** Becker County Commissioners met with the department heads and requested cuts in expenditures from each department; it was reported that the contracted services provided by Skip Carpenter were terminated at a savings of \$22,000. It was noted that staff may need to write grants and devote time to only those projects that produce revenue for the department. Discussion followed on the funding shortfall in 2009 and 2010 and the future impact of not contracting for these services. No action taken.

8) Monthly Housing Update Report: J Thomsen provided a written update report and briefed the Board on the ICWC contract. (P Joyce left) In his update report, J Thomsen noted that a new construction home in Audubon has sold and MHFA will share in the loss. Discussion followed. J Thomsen noted that Minnesota Statute allows the EDA to contract for services of consultants and the EDA could separately contract with Skip Carpenter for his grants writing services. Discussion followed. No action taken.

9) EDA Board – Open Forum: D Aune spoke about Casey's General Store going into Lake Park. Discussion followed. There being no further business to be brought before the Board,

10) Adjourn: Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. (T Johnson, H Salminen), carried.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ _____ Jon Thomsen

Housing Director

/s/ _____ Dan Aune

EDA Board President