

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2012
3:00 p.m.
Lake Melissa Room, Human Services Building
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by: Heath Peterson, President
Type of meeting: Regular Meeting
Attendees: John Okeson, Barry Nelson, Heath Peterson, Paul Joyce, Abby Anderson, Mike Maloney, Chuck Jost;
Staff present: Jon Thomsen, Guy Fischer
Other: Nancy Nelson, Becker County Human Services
Board Members Absent: None

Agenda topics

- 1. Call Regular Meeting to order:** President H Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda:** Addition to Agenda: Becker County Workshop Rent. **Motion** and second to approve the Amended Agenda (B Nelson, J Okeson), carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2012 Regular Meeting:** **Motion** and second to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2012 regular meeting (P Joyce, J Okeson), carried.
- 4. Becker County Workshop Rent:** Human Services Director Nancy Nelson requested consideration for lowering of rent based upon the reduced square footage for the Workshop. Discussion followed; no action taken. It was the general consensus to add this topic to the July agenda.
- 5. Monthly Financial Report:** J Thomsen presented the written monthly report. **Motion** and second to accept the monthly financial report as presented (M Maloney, J Okeson), carried. J Thomsen reported that the State of MN Office of the State Auditor intends to provide audit services for the 3 years ending 2012, 2013 and 2014; discussion followed. **Motion** and second to draft a letter of concerns over increased cost to the State Auditor and submit it if the County Auditor/Treasurer agrees (B Nelson, M Maloney), carried.
- 6. 2013 Budget Discussion:** Discussion followed on the time Guy Fischer devotes to work for other County Departments, the lack of reimbursement from those Departments who are benefiting by not having to pay staffing costs, and the EDA/HRA levy. Discussion followed. J Thomsen was asked to report on the tax rate at the next meeting; no action taken.
- 7. Monthly Housing Update Report:** J Thomsen outlined the ongoing activities of the Housing Staff, including updates on the EDA's Public Housing and Rental Voucher Programs and the EDA's Property/Housing Grant Management. He noted that the Becker County Joint Communities Grant short form application not funded. **Motion** to accept the monthly report (P Joyce, J Okeson), carried.
- 8. Monthly Economic Development Update Report:** G Fischer provided an update report, including information on Becker County's Recycling Facility and their passage of the resolution for flexibility on truck weight; he spoke about the local farmers market and Nancy Nelson's request for grant writing services for a New Freedom Grant. He reported on community development activities within the County and then he spoke about the activities of other county departments. **Motion** and second to accept the monthly report (P Joyce, C Jost), carried.
- 9. EDA Board – Open Forum:** There being no further business brought before Board,
- 10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jon Thomsen
Housing Director

/s/ Heath Peterson
EDA Board President