

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2006
3:45 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, Paul Joyce, Gerald Schram Staff present: Jon Thomsen, Guy Fischer, Shawn Olson Other Attendees: Hank Ludtke, City of Frazee
Board Members Absent:	Dan Aune, Terry Johnson

Agenda topics

- 1) **Call Regular Meeting to order:** M Metelak called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
(Note: The first 10 minutes of the meeting were held concurrently with the last 10 minutes of the Public Hearing).
- 2) **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda: Motion** and second to approve the Agenda as presented (P Joyce, H Salminen), carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2006 Regular Meeting: Motion** and second to approve the Minutes of the August Regular Meeting (K Mulari, M Metelak), carried with H Salminen and P Joyce abstaining.
- 4) **Financial Report:**
 - a) **Monthly Financial Report:** Staff presented the monthly financial report. **Motion** and second to accept the monthly financial report (H Johnson, P Joyce), carried.
- 5) **Swift Plant Joint Task Force – Monetary Match for Site Assessment:** The Frazee EDA received a grant from DEED to conduct testing/site assessment of the former Swift Plant and they are seeking a 25% local match in the amount of \$12,175. The Task Force recommended that Becker County provide \$9,000 and the Frazee EDA provide \$3,175. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to recommend that the County Board of Commissioners approve funding of the Frazee Swift Plant Redevelopment Testing/Site Assessment Project in the amount of \$9,000 (G Schram, P Joyce), carried.
- 6) **Monthly Economic Development Report:** The written feasibility proposal submitted by Outland Renewable Energy LLC to determine the potential for a wind turbine project on the 55 acres of land owned by the City of Audubon was reviewed. G Fischer noted that the first visit would be at no charge. **Motion** and second to have Outland give an assessment of the Audubon site, if at no charge (G Schram, P Joyce), carried. G Fischer updated the Board on the Ballard/Gehrke wind turbine project and the Zurn biodiesel facility. An update report was provided on Environmental Control Systems, the Resort Loan Program and the Permanent Supportive Housing grant. Discussion followed on a publication that the Detroit Lakes

Newspaper is developing and how it could be best used to market the EDA. **Motion** and second to spend \$329 on a ¼ page ad that encompasses Lake Park, Audubon, Detroit Lakes, Frazee, Wolf Lake, Ponsford, White Earth, Cormorant, Ogema, Callaway and Two Inlets activities (G Schram, P Joyce), carried.

7) Monthly Housing Report: J Thomsen requested Board action on the Lake Park land sale. **Motion** and second to approve the sale of Lot 10 Block 1, Christensen Addition, Lake Park to Lowell Ness for \$2,500 (K Mulari, G Schram), carried. J Thomsen reported that the County Board unanimously approved the \$175,633 HRA Levy request. It was noted that an interested family has made an offer on the Frazee new construction home; MHFA's Red Willow Heights new construction loan will then be fully re-paid; MHFA may be willing to establish a revolving fund rather than having subsequent loans paid back at the end of 20 months. J Thomsen reported that the meeting with Otter Tail Wadena CAC went well. In order to move quickly before freeze-up, it was recommended that the services of L Barber be utilized for the 3 inmate labor homes to be built in Lake Park/Audubon/Callaway.

8) EDA Board – Open Forum: There being no further business brought before the Board,

9) Adjourn: **Motion** and second to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. (G Schram, P Joyce), carried.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jon Thomsen
Housing Director

/s/ Mike Metelak
EDA Board President