

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2007
4:00 p.m.
Lake Melissa Room, Human Services Building
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by: Mike Metelak
Type of meeting: Regular Meeting
Attendees: Harry Salminen, Karen Mulari, Mike Metelak, Terry Johnson, Gerald Schram, Paul Joyce, Dan Aune
Staff present: Jon Thomsen, Guy Fischer, Shawn Olson
Others present: Linda Livingston Wiedewitsch (Lucky Dog) and Beth Pridday (Humane Society)
Board Members Absent: None

Agenda topics

- 1) **Call Regular Meeting to order:** M Metelak called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:** **Motion** and second to approve the Agenda, as presented (G Schram, P Joyce), carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from December 2006 Regular Meeting:** **Motion** and second to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting (P Joyce, G Schram), carried.
- 4) **Monthly Financial Report:** Staff presented the monthly financial report. **Motion** and second to accept the report as presented (G Schram, P Joyce), carried.
- 5) **Monthly Economic Development Update Report:** G Fischer updated the Board on his activities. Discussion followed on the City of Frazee SCDP funding application and the agreement with the City of Detroit Lakes as it applies to the Tower Road industrial park property. It was noted that groundbreaking for the Permanent Supportive Housing project is expected to be in April or May 2007. No action taken.
- 6) **Lucky Dog Tax Abatement:** L Livingston Wiedewitsch presented additional information on her request for a tax abatement. B Pridday spoke about the Humane Society, which has a similar mission. Discussion followed on profit vs non-profit and whether the tax abatement would provide a competitive advantage for Lucky Dog. (P Joyce left the meeting at this point). Discussion followed on the proposed terms of the abatement. The abatement request was for a term of 15 years and would apply to 90% of the County's share of the real property taxes derived from the property described as Parcel ID #R490871311. **Motion** and second to recommend to the County Commissioners to agree to grant an abatement to Lucky Dog for 90% of the County's share of the real property taxes, for a term not to exceed 5 years (G Schram, T Johnson), carried with K Mulari and H Salminen abstaining.
- 7) **Monthly Housing Update Report:** J Thomsen updated the Board on his activities. It was noted that the EDA Board signed an agreement in 2004 for Lightowler-Johnson Associates to provide architectural services for the Permanent Supportive Housing project. Lightowler-Johnson requested \$2,000 in additional compensation due to the 2-year delay in the start of the project and \$3,000 in additional

compensation due to the expansion of their services to include geothermal heating. Discussion followed. **Motion** and second to approve an additional \$3,000 for the additional services resulting from the geothermal heating and nothing additional for the time delay (G Schram, K Mulari), carried.

8) Old/New Business: None.

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

10) Adjourn: Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. (G Schram, T Johnson), carried.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jon Thomsen

Housing Director

/s/ Mike Metelak

EDA Board President