

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2008
3:30 p.m.
Lake Melissa Room, Human Services Building
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called by:	Gerald Schram
Type of meeting:	Regular Meeting
Attendees:	Harry Salminen, Karen Mulari (3:34 pm), Gerald Schram, Paul Joyce, Dan Aune, Terry Johnson, Mike Metelak Staff present: J Thomsen, G Fischer, Shawn Olson Others Present: None
Board Members Absent:	None

Agenda topics

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to order:** G Schram called the regular meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- 2) Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:** **Motion** and second to approve the Agenda (H Salminen, P Joyce), carried.
- 3) Approval of Minutes from the September 11, 2008 Regular Meeting:** **Motion** and second to approve the Minutes of the September 11th Regular Meeting (P Joyce, T Johnson), carried with H Salminen abstaining.
- 4) Monthly Financial:** Staff presented the monthly Financial Report. **Motion** and second to accept the report as presented (H Salminen, D Aune), carried.
- 5) Monthly Economic Development:** G Fischer updated the Board on the activities at West River Townhomes; the Open House is October 23rd from 4 to 6 pm; Occupancy date is November 1st. G Fischer reviewed the activities of the Otter Tail Gateway Task Force and the Heartland Trail extension from Detroit Lakes to Frazee; discussion followed. G Fischer presented information on Carbon Neutral Tourism, the Energy Group ideas, Pelican River Watershed to digitize county ditch records, and information on MedPac and RMB's future plans. **Motion** and second to accept the report (T Johnson, K Mulari), carried.
- 6) Monthly Housing Update Report:** J Thomsen reported on the State of MN's new bidding threshold; discussion followed; the EDA recommended that the County Board look at it first; no action taken. Discussion followed on dropping the sales prices of the new construction homes; the general consensus was to give things more time to turn around; no action taken. **Motion** and second to accept the update report (H Salminen, P Joyce), carried.
- 7) EDA Board – Open Forum:** No further discussion.

8) Date of Next Meeting – November 20, 2008: The next regular meeting will be held November 20th. There being no further business to be brought before the Board,

9) Adjourn: Motion and second to adjourn the meeting (P Joyce, D Aune), carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jon Thomsen
Housing Director

/s/ Gerald Schram
EDA Board President