

**Sargent County
Job Development Authority**

Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday June 21st, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Location of Meeting: Lariat Bar Back Room in Rutland ND

PRESENT: Board:: Scott Johnson; Terry Dusek; Bryce Carlson; Sandra Hanson; Bill Anderson; Mark Bopp
Go To Meeting present: Not available

Not Present Board: Michael Mahrer; Luke Anderson; Robert Ptacek Mark Breker Carol Peterson; Jessica Peterson; Dan McKeever

Guests: Nathan Berseth; Brian Orn; Jeff Breker; Brenda Peterson; Neil and Sarah Planteen

Meeting Called to Order- 5:35 pm by Bryce Carlson

Minutes of Last Meeting Presented- minutes dated February 9th, 2023 distributed & reviewed. With no changes or corrections Terry/Mark Bopp to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried Unanimously (mcu).

Treasurer's Report-Sandra Hanson

2023 approved budget balance \$925,232.50

Current Budget Balance as of 5/31/2023 - \$913,126.32

Expenditures 01/01/2023 to 05/31/2023:

4/14/2023	Bank of ND	Dakota Dirt	annual interest	\$ 418.14
3/22/2023	Lake Agassiz		pledge of dues	\$3,832.50
2/07/2023	Bank of ND	Neil Planteen	2022 interest	\$4,252.98
1/12/2023	Payroll	board members	mileage/mtg attend	\$3001.14
1/27/2023	Social Sec	board members	med/soc sec	\$ 183.28

Total expenditures \$12,106.18

Fund Cash Balance as of: \$905,375.75

Bill/Terry moved to approve the treasurer report as presented. MCU

Loan Reports:

Rutland General Store: payment made electronically each 15th of the month-current. The Store is currently on the market to be sold. Bid opening July 13th 2023.

Bixby Auto: payment made -current

FCDC Assisted living: payment made -current

Forman Housing Assoc: payment made -current

Four Seasons Health Care Addition: payments made-Current

Southside Auto- Flex Pace Loan no payments scheduled at this time annual payment in February

Neil Planteen was present to report that his business has continued to grow and that he is currently going to reach out to try to bring in another person to either be a primary manager or a buyin to the business itself. Neil also is an active farmer and is very busy trying to manage two operations of business.

The Field LLC (DBA: The School house) – payment made

USW Local 560 Training Center-Flex Pace Loan payments not scheduled at this time

Swede's Plumbing-Flex Pace Loan payments not scheduled at this time annual payment due in October

Dakota Dirt Loan 1-interest buydown paid all upfront no payments scheduled at this time

Dakota Dirt Loan 2-interest buydown paid annually.

CDP Lodge: Flex Pace Loan no payments scheduled at this time

Career Builders program- We currently have one participating actively. Potential for Southeast Auto employee for additional schooling option.

OLD BUSINESS

Riverside Housing Project-Nathan Berseth & Terry. Joe Holmgren has hired Lacey Ferderer business to handle sale of the 3 houses in Sargent County. No request from Joe at this time for any financial assistance on the homes. It is an agreed upon 80/20 loan based on cost of construction. Riverside contracted a lot of local subcontractors to assist with completion of these 3 homes.

Duplex Grant-The project has a completion date of June 2024 for this grant. The \$185,000.00 has to stay with the SC JDA as they are the applicants. Not to say that another entity or individual(s) couldn't step forward to finance the other half of the duplex. After meeting with the FCDC, the FCDC does not feel that this is a viable investment for their organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Breker & Brian Orn representing Garrison Diversion Group are present to explain what is currently happening with the Missouri River and water needs of The central and eastern part of North Dakota to include Fargo, West Fargo, Grand Forks and possibly Wahpeton as well as potential need coming from the south Dakota area as well. Garrison Diversion and the Lake Agassiz Water Authority are moving forward with the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP). Surface water supplies in central North Dakota and the Red River Valley are limited and unreliable, particularly under drought conditions. Additionally, limited groundwater supplies are nearly fully appropriated. The purpose of the EIS was to evaluate alternatives to meet the long-term water needs of the Red River Valley in North Dakota and three border cities in Minnesota; East Grand Forks, Moorhead and Breckenridge. There is a high need and usage by large commercial facilities. Chosen was the GDU Import to the Sheyenne River as the preferred alternative after considering water permitting and environmental impacts, as well as technical, hydrologic and design evaluations. The GDU Import to the Sheyenne River Alternative would transport water through the McClusky Canal and then utilize a buried pipeline from a biota treatment facility to the Sheyenne River north of Lake Ashtabula. Lake Ashtabula would act as a regulating reservoir. From there, water would be released down the Sheyenne River and flow into the Red River, supplying water systems in the Red River Valley with a reliable supply of drinking water. To learn more about the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, please visit the project website at www.rrvwsp.com. Jeff and Brian wanted to keep us updated on where the project is currently and they begin looking for financial support in the future.

Sarah Planteen sits on the Four Seasons Healthcare Board- They are currently looking for a full time administrator of the Healthcare facility. Would Like to be able to offer the Career Blders program but the administration college program is not offered at the universities in ND. They also need staffing permanent. They are currently bringing in contract staffing at an estimated cost of \$51,000 monthly. They have not been able to utilize all the beds in their facility due to staff shortages. They can reach out to nurses in other state colleges but that takes away the opportunity to use career builders. The question raised to the JDA is what opportunity of possibility would there be to provide some type of local financial support without the support of the state funding? Sarah will stay in touch as they continue to work thru exactly what they are asking for and at what needs.

Career Builders-Brenda Peterson earlier, Brenda submitted an application for a Staff Member that is going to school and working at the SC Health District Office. The application is asking for a three year payment through Career builders and financial local support from the SC JDA. Bill/ Mark Bopp to approve the request for the SC JDA local support of funding of \$8,500.00 with Career Builders. MCU.

Nathan Berseth contractor of services for the SC JDA-His contract is up for renewal June 30th of each year. He holds a one year contract renewed annually annual contract fee is \$21,600.00. Terry/Mark Bopp to secure the contract for the July 1st 2023- June 30th 2024 year.

2024 budget- Terry/Bill to request a 3 mill funding for the 2024 annual budget of the SC JDA. Discussion regarding the needs of the budget and the future role of the SC JDA in providing growth in community, economic expansion, population, commercial needs, and employment. With no further discussion, Bryce called for a roll call vote: Bill-Yes; Terry-Yes; Sandy-Yes; Mark Bopp-Yes; Scott-Yes; & Bryce-Yes. Opposed-none.

MCU.

No Round Table discussion today.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary

Sandra Hanson

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