

Sargent County Development Authority

Minutes

Date of Meeting: 4-30-07 Time: 5:30 pm

Location of Meeting: Sargent County Courthouse mtg room

PRESENT: Jay Jacobson, Ron Narum, Sandra Hanson, Bill Anderson, Mike Walstead, Jerome Brekke, Neil Anderson, Jerry Erickson Not Present: Lu Dorr, Dan Delahoyde

Guests: Charlie Kraemer, Economic Development Director for Oakes Enhancement, Inc. and Doug Sitzler, Board member-OEI.

Meeting Called to Order: Chr Ron Narum

Minutes of Last Meeting Presented: Secretary distributed minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting. Jay/Bill to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Balance reported in County budget is \$55,700.00. Jerry/Jerome to approve treasurer report.

Committee Reports:

Ron Narum distributed some information regarding Lake Agassiz standing with Sargent County. No other reports

OLD BUSINESS

Wind Energy Contract- Due to the status of the Oakes Enhancement, Inc., and incorporated Not for profit corporation (OEI), The Sargent County Job Development Authority, (SCJDA) is entering into a contract with OEA not a Joint Powers Agreement, (JPA). This is clarification on wordage that was being used prior to this meeting. Charlie reviewed the contract draft with the group present. Question- regarding the management of the project. Charlie referred to items 4-5-8 in contract. Question regarding expenses to this point. Charlie distributed a list of costs to OEA for the project thus far. \$33,723.00 expenses ; revenue of \$8650.00 from EAPC grant, 7694.00 from Insurance to cover damages to test site. OEI will apply for the remaining balance from EAPC. To reach grant limit of \$10,000.00. Anticipated 2nd stage costs will be \$20,000.00. question- What does it bind the two groups to for the next stage. Charlie – OEI has taken project to this point, asks if JDA would like to take it through the next stage. Further discussion agreed to the following changes to the contract:

Item 8- Bill/Mike moved to add statement to item 8 to have each organization select 2 representatives from each group to be the steering committee for the continuation of this project. These four will initiate all work needed to continue moving forward. It will be their responsibility to report back to those they represent. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4- Bill/Jerome to add statement that the JDA will commit to financial support of matching funds of grants that are received for this wind test study and any additional costs to the project be brought to the JDA Authority for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Request for Funding-After review of the draft letter to EAPC Jay/Jerry moved to sign letter and send it as a grant request. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Oaths of Office- Jerome Brekke swore into office Neil Anderson and Ron Narum.

Reorganization of Board- Mike nominated Ron as chairperson. Jerry/Bill moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ron Narum. Motion carried unanimously.

Jay nominated Jerome for the position of Vice chairperson. Bill/Mike moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jerome Brekke. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Jerome nominated Lu as Treasurer. Bill/Neil to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lu dorr. Motion Carried unanimously.

Jerry nominated Sandy as Secretary. Mike/Jay to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sandy Hanson. Motion Carried unanimously.

ILG Workshop- Sandy distributed brochures regarding a workshop coming up May 23 & 24. Sandy is planning on attending the workshop in Valley City. Bill/Jerome moved to pay registration fees and per diem. Motion carried unanimously.

Wind Study Steering Committee-Bill/Jerome to nominate Jay and Mike to represent the Sargent County Job Development Authority on this committee and to work the OEA representatives on the continued progress of the project located in Jackson Twp Sargent County. Motion Carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order:

Jay, Bill and Mike briefed the group on the proposed pipeline project that is anticipated to travel through the western edge of Sargent County. Dakota Valley Electric is working with the Company to set up power to the pumping station. The first level of barrels of production have been sold and they are now marketing the second level of barrel production.

Acona Wind project- Jay and Charlie briefed the group on the wind towers being erected SW of Ellendale. The power is being sold on the open market. 1.5 megawatts each 180 towers. ½ in Dickey County and ½ in Brown County SD.

Dakota Stateline Regional Alliance is having their annual meeting at the Forman Golf course on 4-30-07 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

6:30 pm

Sandra Hanson