

Sargent County Development Authority

Minutes

Date of Meeting: 12-07-07 Time:8:00 am

Location of Meeting:Sargent County Courthouse Conference Room

PRESENT:Dan Delahoyde, Neil Anderson, Jay Jacobson, Jerry Erickson, Ron Narum, Sandy Hanson, Lu Diede, Bill Anderson, Randy Pearson Not Present: Mike Walstead, Jerome Brekke
Guests: Charles Kraemer of Oakes Enhancement Inc.

Meeting Called to Order: at 8:00 am by Chairman Ron Narum

Minutes of Last Meeting Presented: by Sandra Hanson recording secretary. Upon review of minutes Jay moved/Jerry seconded to approve minutes as printed. Motion Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:Lu presented the account expenditure/budget report for October and November. Current balance remains at \$54,736.12. This is a 1% used of the total budget of \$55,700.00.

Committee Reports: Loan updates- Waswick Chiropractic is making monthly payments on time. Ag Cam-Bill Anderson updated the committee on the Ag Cam expansion progress. In discussion with Tracey Anderson representing Lake Agassiz and Charissa Rubey representing Ag Cam they have had some road blocks in completion of necessary paperwork to get this project application done, It is continueing and they hope to have the application and paperwork completed by mid January. Nothing is needed from this group at this time. Bill stated that the County Road #14 improvement project is a \$100,000.00 portion of that grant and the county will need to relook at 2008 budgets for road improvements if this grant does not get completed or accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Energy Program Grant- Sargent County JDA has been accepted for the grant by the ND Department of Commerce. As chairman Ron Narum will sign documents accepting award and forward all necessary paperwork back to the ND DOC. The grant is for \$10,000.00 matching funds and is set on a reimbursement structure. We will pay for the costs of the phase 2 wind study and submit the invoices and cancelled checks to the Depart. Of Commerce for reimbursement.

OEI request for reimbursement to Tower-Charles reported that upon inspection of the equipment it was determined that damage was caused by a lightening strike. A claim has been turned over to the Insurance company for coverage. The Tower has a \$500.00 deductible. The phone is still not working and no bill for repairs on that have been received by OEI. Charles will keep us informed of the final insurance claim and costs of repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Wind Energy Study-Jay asked the question Do we need to continue the study? Is there enough information collected and put together for public interest and solicitation of business interest? Has the project passed the need for logging? Information is out there stating that landowners are being sought out and wind rights are being secured. Dan has no knowledge of that taking place in his area at this time. He is a landowner in the area of the wind tower and has not been approached. Charles stated that he did have a conversation with the Engineering firm regarding this same question. The Engineering firm stated that the study should continue at this time. Charles has been in contact with some facilities and is currently developing a relationship with National Wind. They work with Community based development projects. Charles feels that this is the direction Wind energy will take. There are currently 275 megawatts of community wind projects in MN. He is

pursueing information on future interest in local wind projects. If there is an interest in pursueing community wind projects further information needs to be collected and we would need to be educated on the process and community public meetings would begin. Bill moves/Jerry seconds to approve signature of the ND DOC grant for phase two study. Motion Carried unanimously.

Mtg Attendance vouchers-vouchers of reimbursement for mileage and meeting attendance were submitted to the group for approval and signatures. They will be turned in for the meetings and travel conducted in 2007.

Board representation-The Sargent County Township Officers Association met on Thursday December 6th at the Forman City Hall. Two delegates were selected to represent the Twp officers on the SC JDA Board. Randy Pearson of Shuman Twp and Sandra Hanson of Forman Twp. Sandy's current term expires on 12-31-07 and Randy's seat was held by Roger Bopp who no longer is a twp officer. Randy will complete Roger's term. The County Auditor's office will bring to the commission the remaining terms that expire. Those seats will be appointed by commission as procedures allow.

With no further business Bill moved/Jay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am.

Recording

Sandra Hanson