

Sargent County Development Authority

Minutes

Date of Meeting: 3-2-06 Time: 5:30 pm

Location of Meeting: 2nd Floor conference Room

PRESENT: Jerry Erickson, Mike Walstead, Sandy Hanson, Bob Cookson, Jay Jacobson, Dan Delahoyde, Lu Dorr, Roger Bopp, Bill Anderson, and Ron Narum.

Not present: Jerome Brekke

Meeting Called to Order by Chr Ron Narum

Minutes of Last Meeting Presented by Secretary Sandra Hanson. Jay/Jerry to approve minutes as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Robert Cookson. At this time the JDA budget has a balance of \$31,650.76.

Committee Reports:

Mobility Plus has made no further contact with Lake Agassiz or the JDA for completion of Loan Process.

Oath of Office was administered to Bill Anderson for a completion of Term through December 31, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

Wind Energy Tour- Ron reported that the study tower received some ice damage due to the storm this winter. It has collected just about a year of data so far. The group feels it is ready to seek out interested industry.

NEW BUSINESS

Dakota Fabrication-Shannon Mehrer was present to submit application and presentation regarding his business. Shannon's business is currently located in Forman at the old Farmers Union Garage. He would like to put up a new building in Rutland. Shannon did not have any diagrams, bids, or costs of construction at this time. He has not formally met with any other lending agency for assistance in construction. Dakota Fabrications is currently focusing on construction industry. He subcontracts for the misc. metals that is required to complete jobs. Last year did approximately \$127,000.00 worth of business which came to approximately 147,000.00 lbs of steel. At this point this year his orders have doubled. Job bidding for his company is searched through the internet and through the Fargo Contractors Association. At this Time Shannon has one full time worker and also hires on parttime assistance as needed. Bill mentioned that the Rutland Community Development Org. will probably be working with Shannon also. Jay/Bob to support further progression of the Application Process with Lake Agassiz. Motion Carried Unanimously. Sandy will notify Darin of the JDA interest in further intention with the application request. Shannon will provide Lake Agassiz with all necessary information needed for completion of loan application.

Switch Grass Bio Energy-Bill Anderson briefed the JDA on information and discussion he has had with Joe Breker regarding Switch Grass Production in Sargent County and the Future possibilities for its use as a alternative energy source.

Bill attended a meeting with the Soil Conservation District regarding this topic and Dan Delahoyde was at a meeting in Bismarck regarding Alternative Energy sources, which switch grass was one of the source possibility. Bill/Roger to support the continued research and information gathering process that becomes

available for Sargent County in Switch Grass Production as an alternative energy source with the possibilities of Sargent County's future in being a potential location of production, conversion of product, or leading a study of the feasibility of such an investment. Motion Carried Unanimously. Bill will continue to stay in touch with Joe Breker as he works with various agencies in Sargent County.

County Lake Agassiz Balance- Questions was asked about the funds that are in the Lake Agassiz account for Sargent county at this time. Sandy will request that information.

For the Good of the Order:

Bob briefed the group on the progress of the two four plexes in Forman.

With no further business at this time Bill/Jay to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Ron Narum.

Recording Secretary,
Sandra Hanson