

Rothsay Areawide EDA MEETING

Approved Minutes

ROTHSAY CITY HALL
DATE: **March 27, 2024**
TIME: **7 PM**

ORDER OF AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order by President Heather Weber at 7:00 PM; others present were board members Steph Curtis, Jim Boyce, Shane Balken, Craig Sullivan, Stacy Honer, and Cecil Mosher

2.0 Approval of Agenda

-Motion by Balken, 2nd by Boyce to approve the agenda and carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Honer, 2nd by Weber and carried.

3.2 Approval of March 6, 2024 special meeting minutes

- Motion to approve by Curtis, 2nd by Balken and carried.

3.3 Review and approval of Financials

Weber reviewed balances, checking balance: \$11,659.30 savings balance:

\$29,469.56

-Motion to approve by Balken 2nd by Boyce and carried

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Social Media and Marketing

Steph will begin some social media posts for Prairie Days and the house project progress.

4.2 Housing and Consumer Services

Steph shared how the appointment went with Jordan from CEDA. Once the report is done, Steph will share with the board and possibly invite Jordan to attend to explain the report and how it can be used for grant applications.

4.3 Workforce and Commercial Development

No Report

4.4 Events and Fundraising

The Prairie Days committee met prior to the meeting tonight and finalized the schedule, assigned tasks to members, and plans to meet again prior to the next RAEDA meeting.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Home at 214 1st Ave NW

Shane shared that the JPA needs minutes from the City Council with a motion giving RAEDA authority to borrow loan funds. In the meantime, Carl Crews has requested a payment as he has begun construction. The City Council plans to hold a special meeting for this purpose. Shane will request that RAEDA be given the permission to pay Carl Crews \$20,000 out the RAEDA

savings account and replenish it when the loan funds are disbursed.

Boyce made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking if the City Council approves the payment to Carl Crews Carpentry, Mosher seconded, motion carried.

5.3 Schleeter Commercial Lot

Heather approached the City Council last month about partnering with RAEDA to purchase and clean up the Schleeter lot. The city isn't interested in taking it on at this time. It was decided to table it due to other projects right now.

5.4 Welcome Signs and Businesses

Cecil has been contacting businesses for the signage and has a couple committed. He is working with Signworks to make the signs. Heather will draft contract with the rates and renewal information for Cecil to bring to the businesses.

5.5 501 (c) (3) options

Discussion was held regarding using West Central Initiative as a component fund program to gain 501(c) (3) status. The board would like to discuss fundraising and future projects and decided to table it.

6.0 New Business

7.0 Take Away Items

-Heather will ask for Eric and Jordan's help to take the hat off of the Prairie Chicken at the next council meeting.

-Steph will get social media campaigns going.

-Heather will draft a contract for signage.

8.0 Adjourn

-Balken made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Honer 2nd, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephanie Curtis

RAEDA Board Member