

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board
June 3, 2020

The June 3, 2020, regular meeting of the Pope County HRA-EDA was held at the Starbuck Community Center and was called to order by Chairperson Lori Vaadeland at 12:01 p.m. with the following members present; Allan Rutter, Commissioner Paul Gerde (via Webex), Lori Vaadeland, Greg Vold (via Webex) and Commissioner Cody Rogahn. Staff present was Barry Hegg and Jason Murray. Guest present were Amanda Bluhm, Derek Bluhm, Representative Paul Anderson, Calvin Benson, Tom Sphychalla, Tom Beuckens, and Mayor Gary Swenson.

Vaadeland asked for any additional items. A motion by Rogahn, seconded by Rutter, to approve the Board Agenda as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: A motion by Gerde, seconded by Rutter, to approve the May 20, 2020, meeting minutes as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: A motion by Rutter, seconded by Rogahn, to approve the following list of bills as presented, having been duly audited and ordered them paid, motion carried unanimously:

Bill	Amount	
Cory Wasiloski	\$	150.00
Phillip Johnsrud	\$	134.67
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Pope County Tribune	\$	157.50
Mediacom	\$	683.66
Wangsness Ogdahl	\$	507.18
City of Starbuck	\$	966.99
Angela Kroeger	\$	16.83
Ridge Housing LLC	\$	22,541.65
Total	\$	25,402.17

Public Comment:

City of Starbuck Highway 29 Path/Pedestrian Crossing: Vaadeland introduced the topic and welcomed the officials from the City of Starbuck, Representative Paul Anderson and Derek and Amanda Bluhm, and noted the last conversation the HRA-EDA had on this project was last summer. Vaadeland asked Murray to summarize the discussion points. Murray noted the City of Starbuck Engineer's Report for the project, highlighting the path construction location, phase 1 and phase 2 breakdown, properties involved, cost and State Highway 29 Crossing. Bluhm's shared their concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians from the properties noted in the study, along with several incidents that have occurred during the spring/summer season for the residents of the park and public beach users. Bluhm's are concerned for the liability for their park, City, and State. Mayor Swenson and Benson discussed the City's role in the project, noting they are very supportive of the project, noting the need for safety for this corridor, but financing and funding is a challenge. Benson provided an update on MNDOT's review and permitting process.

The Board discussed the safety concerns for the corridor. Bluhm's indicated the need to move this forward as quickly as possible.

With this mind, Murray noted that this is the first time the HRA-EDA Board had seen the formal study and related costs. Murray shared that he feels the focus should be on phase 1 only, with HRA-EDA, Beachside RV Park, and Bluhm properties (all north of Airport Road). In the hopes of moving this forward, Murray felt the most appropriate would be assessment project through the City of Starbuck. Murray noted it will be the City's pathway, City has already been working with MNDOT, and if financing is a struggle, possibly the HRA-EDA could act as the lender through the assessment process. Benson discussed the City's assessment process for the City Council.

The HRA-Board discussed the assessment process. No formal action was taken.

Vaadeland thanked everyone for attending.

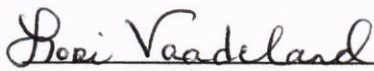
Bluhm's indicated that the use agreement for Lakeview RV Park has expired and would like the HRA-EDA to extend the use agreement. Murray indicated he would add it to the June 17, 2020, agenda.

Bay Meadows: Murray shared communication from Nicole Malhalla, Unit 718, requesting to rescind her notice and sign a 12 month. Murray noted the Board accepted her notice in April. He requested a motion to rescind the notice and to offer a new lease for the 2020 -2021 rental season.

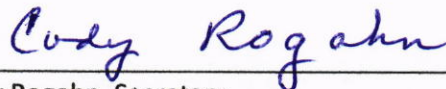
A motion by Rogahn, seconded by Gerde, to rescind the notice to vacant and to offer a 12-month lease for Malhalla for unit 718, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: A motion by Vold, seconded by Rutter, to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m., motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Lori Vaadeland, President



Cody Rogahn, Secretary