

**Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 2, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:45 am by Chairwoman Westervelt.

Members present: Kelly Cornford, Victoria Devereaux, Pam Ginderske, Joe Kline, Kathy Westervelt, and Lorie Wille

Members absent: Nicole Risch and Karen Wood

Others Present: Hartmann Aue, Jennifer Nesbit, and Trudy

Motion by Kline, second by Ginderske to accept the agenda with changes, C. Easter Egg Hunt 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Cornford, second by Ginderske to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Ginderske, second by Kline to approve the December 1, 2023 D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

The D.D.A. has a vacancy due to the resignation of John Gerber. The D.D.A. advertised the opening and received one letter of interest, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, school board member and museum board member. Motion by Kline to accept her letter of interest, second by Wille. Motion carried.

The D.D.A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 proposed budget was discussed. Expenditures and Revenues are balanced at \$113,972. This includes \$47,465 for community projects and capital outlay or façade improvements.

The D.D.A. has discussed purchasing 223 E. Belle Ave. The SEV is \$3,500 and according to GIS is worth \$6,950. Aue has reached out to the owner in Owosso, she once listed it for \$11,000, but was looking for around \$10,000, but willing to negotiate. Motion by Devereaux, second by Cornford to offer a maximum amount of \$8,000 to purchase the property. The D.D.A. became owners of 223 E. Belle Ave., on file with the county on December 27, 2023. The next step is to get quotes to clean up the property before moving forward with ideas and plans for the downtown area property.

The D.D.A. is looking to host the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Easter is on Sunday, March 31, 2024, earlier than previous years. The school will be on Spring Break, and snow may be covering the ground, but to continue the tradition, March 16 at 10 a.m. at Coal Miners' Park, the D.D.A. will have hundreds of eggs, food trucks, and gift baskets for children 2-12. Aue will purchase eggs, flagging tape, and other items for the event. Devereaux will work on temporary signage for age brackets. Nesbit will work on food trucks, and cardboard cut outs for photos. The D.D.A. will organize further at the March 1, 2024 D.D.A. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m. Motion by Ginderske, second by Kline. Motion carried.

Respectfully,


Hartmann Aue