ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA) PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), met this 4th day of May 2021, at 9:58 a.m., at the St. Louis County Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Mike Jugovich and Chair Keith Nelson - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021, HRA meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the HRA authorizes the Executive Director and County Attorney to negotiate a \$12,000 funding agreement with the Town of Embarrass for a public restroom facilities rehabilitation project; that the appropriate County HRA officials and a representative of the County Attorney are authorized to execute the funding agreement on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto; and, further, that funds, as needed, be transferred from HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001. HRA Director Matthew Johnson said that this project is a slight deviation from typical housing projects; however, the County HRA has authority to fund this project under Minnesota Statute, Chapter 469, Economic Development. Chair Nelson noted that the County HRA funded \$10,000 for a similar project at the Wirtanen Pioneer Farm approximately fifteen years ago. Commissioner McDonald commented that the location is popular and eventually will be a hub for ATV trails and the Mesabi Trail. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 21-03.

HRA RESOLUTION No. 21-03

WHEREAS, The Town of Embarrass has requested \$12,000 from the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for the rehabilitation of the township public restroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Embarrass public restroom facilities are in need of replacement and have been closed down to protect the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Embarrass public restroom facilities are adjacent to the township's Visitor Center and is used by the general public; and

WHEREAS, The project is considered a redevelopment project and is eligible for HRA funding under Minn. Stat. § 469.002, Subd. 14, (5)-iii; and

WHEREAS, The HRA has available funding for such projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the HRA authorizes the Executive Director and County Attorney to negotiate a \$12,000 funding agreement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County HRA officials and a representative of the County Attorney are authorized to execute the funding agreement on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds, as needed, be transferred from HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001.

Unanimously adopted May 4, 2021.

At 10:07 a.m., May 4, 2021, Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Keith Nelson, Chair of the St. Louis County HRA

Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the St. Louis County HRA