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RLF/HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 16, 2009

PRESENT: John H. Tramburg, Robert L. Hamele, Mark Witt, Robert Westby, and Debra Wopat

ALSO PRESENT: Lois Schepp; Nancy Elsing; Jason Quinn; Gregory and Dana Bindl; Greg Holland; Krista Bleich; LeRoy Miles; Suzanne Breunig; Mike Wood; Jim, Mary and Jeremy Rusch; Vicky Binder; Debra Tkach; and Susan Koehn (MSA)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and was legally noticed and published.

APPROVE AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed.

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Westby, the agenda was approved.

MINUTES

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Witt, the open and closed session minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

REVIEW BUSINESS FLOODING LOAN APPLICATIONS

Nine Flood Recovery Small Business (FRSB) loan applications were reviewed: 1) Hitching Post Restaurant, 2) Bindl Chiropractic LLC, 3) Holland Contractors LLC, 4) Krista's Bakery & Café Inc., 5) Big O's Trailers Inc., 6) Super Suds Carwash, 7) Portage Theatres-7, 8) Roger's Gifts and Gallery Inc., and 9) Eclipse Paintball/Sport Ready.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Hamele, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 1:20 p.m. to review business loan applications and associated financial information, and to deliberate and negotiate the investment of public funds (Revolving Loan Funds) per Wis. Stats., Section 19.85 (1)(e).

If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4, as follows: Tramburg, Hamele, Westby, and Witt
Noes: 0

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Board Chair Debra Wopat joined the meeting at this time.

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OPEN SESSION
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MOTION: On motion by Wopat, second by Westby, the Committee reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Schepp reported that the County's FRSB program was close to being out of money, and a waiting list already exists for the May meeting. The State has confirmed that additional funding may be available. The Committee agreed that a new FRSB grant application be submitted.

Flood Recovery Small Business (FRSB) Loan Applications

MOTION: On motion by Wopat, second by Hamele, with Witt abstaining, the Committee approved FRSB loans to the following applicants:

- \$15,000 to Hitching Post Restaurant (Quinn LLC)
- \$20,000 to Bindl Chiropractic LLC
- \$20,000 to Holland Contractors LLC
- \$20,000 to Krista's Kitchen Bakery & Café Inc.
- \$20,000 to Big O's Trailers Inc.
- \$20,000 to Super Suds Carwash
- \$20,000 to Portage Theatres-7
- \$20,000 to Roger's Gifts and Gallery Inc.

Eclipse Paintball Supplies/Sport Ready

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Hamele, the Committee approved a \$1,500 FRSB loan to Eclipse Paintball Supplies/Sport Ready under program guidelines.

REVIEW HOMEOWNER GRANT/LOAN APPLICATIONS

Sue Koehn of MSA Professional Services reported that the number of applications for the Housing Flood program (CDBG-EAP) was up to 81.

CDBG-EAP Grant Program: Per the County's CDBG-EAP program guidelines, grant applications/projects over \$15,000 must be reviewed and approved by the Committee.

HO #31

The middle income property has a female head of household. The owner is requesting a total \$15,295 from the program for numerous repairs resulting from flood damage such as shower/tub replacement, storm window replacement, doors/frames, wall/ceiling repair, gutters & downspouts, basement floor, seal exterior foundation, and central AC. The repairs are unrelated to foundation work previously completed by a private contractor.

MOTION: On motion by Witt, second by Westby, the project was approved as requested for a total of \$15,295.

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HO #40

The Committee reviewed a \$20,983.53 request from the middle income homeowner. After work on this property began, it was discovered that the foundation had washed out and would need repair.

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Wopat, the Committee approved the project as requested for \$20,983.53.

Per Koehn, an additional grant of \$350,000 has been requested. The funds have been requested because they received a listing of homeowners from FEMA and sent out a new program mailing. MSA has received an additional 25 applications as a result.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On motion by Witt, second by Hamele, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

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