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RLF/HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2009

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

EXCUSED: Mark Witt

ALSO PRESENT: Lois Schepp, Nancy Elsing, Elaine Hendrickson, Timothy Haddix, Parnell Nelson, Diana Kaschinske, Kathleen Helmer, Rhonda Jones, Lucas Berg, and Sue Koehn (MSA)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and was legally noticed and published.

APPROVE AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Westby, the open and closed session minutes from the July 9, 2009 meeting were approved.

REVIEW BUSINESS FLOODING LOAN APPLICATIONS

Seven Flood Recovery Small Business (FRSB) loan applications were reviewed: 1) Coed Mawr Woolen Mill, 2) Who's Yer Painter?, 3) Country Clipper, 4) Main Street Youngsters Inc., 5) New Discoveries LLC, 6) Jones Automotive LLC, and 7) Berg Builders LLC.

CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION: On motion by Wopat, second by Hamele, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 1:11 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: Westby, Hamele, Wopat, and Tramburg
Noes: 0

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OPEN SESSION

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Westby, the Committee reconvened in open session at 2:24 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.
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Flood Recovery Small Business (FRSB) Loan Applications

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Wopat, the Committee approved dividing the remaining CDBG-ED FRSB funds among the seven applicants at \$16,400 ea.

UPDATE ON VIVA LA MOCHA

Schepp recapped the status of the RLF loan for Viva La Mocha. The property is being foreclosed on, and the owner has now filed for bankruptcy. No action was taken on this information.

REVIEW HOMEOWNER GRANT/LOAN APPLICATIONS

Sue Koehn of MSA joined the meeting to present applications for both the regular CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and the CDBG-EAP Housing Program for flooding.

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

HO #108 Koehn noted that the Housing Rehabilitation Program had \$23,800 open to spend at this time. The 150 year old property under consideration today is home to a middle income family with five children. The project estimate is \$33,200 including windows, doors, siding, fascia and many other repairs. The program requires that items considered a lead hazard must be completed before other items are considered.

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Wopat, the Committee approved the request as follows: complete lead hazard work first; use remaining funds to do however many windows as there are funds available for.

CDBG-EAP HOUSING PROGRAM – 2008 FLOOD

Koehn provided a summary of the program and project status to date.

HO #36 Project work reimbursable under program guidelines has been completed for a total of \$39,335.78. The homeowners have also received funding of \$6,452.60 from FEMA, and paid an additional \$34,570.81 for expenses that were not program eligible.

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Hamele, the request for CDBG-EAP funding was approved for a total of \$39,335.78.

HO #55 The \$37,500 project was reviewed. The basement was completely destroyed by the 2008 flood. The flood program already paid \$5,500 for drain tile, sump pump, and crock, but that portion of the project still needs to be completed. The homeowner is requesting an additional \$32,000 to complete the basement

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HO #55, continued

project including, debris removal, water proofing, re-cementing floor, installation of window wells, drywall, bathroom and fixtures, etc.

MOTION: On motion by Hamele, second by Westby, the Committee approved the project for a total of \$37,500.

HO #93

The property is over 50 years old and owned by a middle income elderly couple – no children at home. The property sustained extensive damage during the 2008 flooding disaster, and the total request is for \$61,921.

Various project items and house needs were considered. Emphasis was placed on mitigation to prevent future damage, which is the primary goal of the program.

MOTION: On motion by Wopat, second by Hamele, the Committee approved a total of \$38,000 for the project, including:

▶ Sump pump and drain tile	3,775
▶ Exterior concrete	1,872
▶ Culvert	4,100
▶ Roadway and retaining wall	11,300
▶ Top soil, seed, straw, grading	2,420
▶ Asphalt- driveway areas	9,430
▶ Bathroom mitigation work to prevent mold	5,103

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On motion by Westby, second by Hamele, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2009. There will also be a public hearing scheduled for that date.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary

cc: RLF/Housing Committee
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