

Lakes Area Economic Development Authority
June 27, 2024

Members Present: Bobbie Osterberg, Jason Uhde, Greg Bowen, Joel Dahlheimer

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Nicole Fernholz, AAEDC

Call to Order: The meeting of the LAEDA Board of Commissioners was brought to order at 4:00 pm by President Dahlheimer. Introduction of board members.

April 18, 2024 Minutes: Minutes were reviewed

A motion by Osterberg, seconded by Uhde, to approve minutes as presented, motion carried.

2024 First Quarter Financials: Fernholz reviewed the first quarter financials. Viking Bank certificate of deposit renewed at 5%.

A motion by Bowen, seconded by Uhde, to approve financials as presented, motion carried.

Avionics and Lakes Country Service Cooperative Partnership Update: Fernholz provided a brief overview of the Avionics building purchase from ATCC:

- Purchase price will be \$400,000 and will include a land lease with the City. The lease was drawn up by Swenson Lervick and is currently being review by Thomas Klecker.
- Lakes Country Service Cooperative will enter into a long-term lease with LAEDA for the building with the option to purchase the building in the future. Lease was drafted by Pemberton Law office and currently being reviewed by Thomas Klecker.
- Both leases were available for LAEDA review. LAEDA members requested we ensure that LCSC will be responsible for the lease payments even if they relocate.
- LAEDA will charge a ½% admin fee for bonding the property.

US Bank Property Purchase:

Staff have been touring various properties in the area that are for lease/sale. Current lease for AAEDC/LAEDA expires on November 30, 2024 and there is potential to move into a space that will include the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

On May 5, 2024, Fernholz signed a purchase agreement for \$850,000 for US Bank building. No reply back from US Bank.

Staff is currently pursuing other lease options in the downtown area including the Bremer Building and Hennen's Building.

Approval of LMCIT Insurance Waiver

Fernholz reviewed the liability coverage waiver form from League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.

A motion by Osterberg, seconded by Bowen, to NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MINN State 466.04, motion carried.

OTHER Business:

City of Alexandria has received a childcare grant from DEED to construct a duplex to house two childcare businesses. Current project cost is \$416,000. If there is a financial gap, LAEDA would consider assisting financially with the project.

Adjourn: Hearing no additional business, a motion by Osterberg, seconded by Bowen, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.