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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA**

1.) Roll Call.

Date & Time: June 24, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present:	Jerome McCarthy	In person
	Michael Postma	In person
	Paul Fischer	In person
	Carole Granholm	In person
	Vern Lippert	Via Zoom
	Oballa Oballa	In person
	Marvin Repinski	In person

HRA Staff Present:	Taggert Medgaarden, Executive Director	In person
	Sam Esplan, Twin Towers Manager	In person
	Angela Maiden, Finance Director	In person

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair McCarthy.

2.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Granholm to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2021. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

3.) Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Postma to authorize payment of the list of accounts payable. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

4.) Financial Update: Financial Director

Discussion was held on whether or not to be renewing CD's as they come due or to wait for interest rates to go back up. Our normal CD term was 3 years. It was suggested that we wait to see what interest rates do this next year instead of committing for three years to the lower rate.

5.) Executive Director Report

a. Ryan Langemeier---Riverland/HRA House Project 2021-2022

Ryan Langemeier expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to collaborate with the HRA on the House project for the 2020-2021 school year and expressed interest in working together next year on another house. Executive Director Medgaarden spoke to the Board about the budget for next years house. Construction costs have increased significantly so the budget for next year would be set for \$185,000. Anything above that would need further Board approval. All of the other conditions would be the same as they were for this years' house. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Repinski and Fischer to approve the budget for next years' Riverland house at \$185,000. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried

b. Hormel Foundation Grant

ED Medgaarden explained to the Board the ideas he has for this years' Hormel Foundation Grants. The first of them is the Curb Appeal Program (CAB). The intent is to pay a portion of project costs to property owners who will make qualifying exterior improvements to the street side of their home, thus increasing curb appeal. Grants would be equal to 20% of the applicants' individual project, not to exceed \$5000. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements. The requested amount for this grant is \$75,000 and the HRA would in turn contribute \$25,000.

The second request for the grant is an Out of Budget Request for a possible Affordable Housing Project in the not too distant future. The request is being made now to avoid asking for special consideration by the Hormel Foundation Board during the year. The requested amount for this grant would be \$600,000. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Postma to proceed with the Grant requests. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried

c. HRA Holiday Schedule

With the Federal Government declaring Juneteenth a Federal Holiday it had been asked if the HRA would be changing its holiday schedule. It was decided that we would wait to see with the State and Local Governments decide to do.

d. Approve driveway bids—Riverland Move House

ED Medgaarden received three bids for the driveway at the move house. Two of the three bids were for an asphalt driveway and the other was for concrete. The lowest bid came from Roger & Sons in the amount of \$7550.00 for an asphalt surface. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Oballa to award the bid for the driveway at the Riverland Move House to Roger & Sons in the amount of \$7550.00. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

6.) Adjourn

There being no further business, motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Oballa to adjourn. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

Jerome McCarthy, Chair

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Paul Fischer, Secretary