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

1.) Roll Call.

Date & Time: January 24, 2023 @ 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Vern Lippert
Mike Postma
Paul Fischer
Joe Fuhrman
Laura Helle
Tim Ruzek
Carole Granholm

HRA Staff Present: Taggart Medgaarden, Executive Director
Lori Gansen, Administrative Assistant
Angela Maiden, Financial Director

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

2.) Election of Officers

Welcome new members and review HRA mission and goals

Chair Lippert welcomes the new Board members. Executive Director Medgaarden asked if the current officers would agree to remain in their respective roles. All officers agreed. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fuhrman and Helle to approve the officers in their current positions: Chair-Commissioner Lippert, Vice Chair-Commissioner Postma & Secretary-Commissioner Fischer. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

3.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Postma to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 27, 2022. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

4.) Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Granholm 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.

5.) Public Housing & Section 8

a. Pickett Place—Approve Bid for Mower/utility tractor (Capital Fund Project)

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Postma and Fischer to approve the bid for the Utility tractor for Pickett Place in the amount of \$20,543.65. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

b. Approve new utility allowance for Scattered Sites

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fuhrman and Helle to approve the new utility allowances for our Scattered Sites. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

6.) Market Rate Housing

7.) Executive Director Reports

a. Approve Childcare provider grants

The HRA, working with Sheri Dankert, Hormel Foundation and Brady Engelby, Mower County Child Care Licenser, a grant was applied for and was granted through the First Children's Finance for \$15,000. The grant dollars will be utilized in the same way as the former program with the only change being that the applicants can be from anywhere in Mower County and not just within the Austin city limits. The HRA will be partnering with SEMCAC to administer those funds out to the County. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Fischer and Helle to approve changes to the Childcare grant program. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

b. February Board meeting date change

Due to conflicting schedules and projects that will need to be brought before the Board, Executive Director Medgaarden asked that the date of the February Board meeting be changed to February 22, 2023 at 10 a.m. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

8.) Adjourn

There being no further business it was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Helle to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

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Vernon Lippert, Chair

Paul Fischer, Secretary

