



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Linking Families and Communities conference room at 822 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Dodge.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Nick Thackery

Bob Thode

Members absent:

None

Community Members Present

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 10:00 a.m. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Ms. Stanek noted the additions of CDBG Grant, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Demo Day and tree removal added under "Other".

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to approve the agenda as printed with the additions mentioned.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Architectural Services

Ms. Stanek reported that she had received two bids for architectural services for the new child care center project. A third firm left a voicemail stating that they would not be submitting a proposal for the project. Ms. Stanek reported that she had reached out to OPN requesting additional information in regard to the engineering services prior to the meeting, but did not have a response to provide yet.



The committee reviewed the proposals.

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to recommend the board award the bid to Allers Associates Architects if they can meet an expedited timeline of completion in order to be ready for the 2025-2026 school year. If Allers Associates is not able to meet the timeline, the motion is to recommend OPN.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: Ms. Stanek will pose the question to Allers to see if they are able to reduce the amount of time of the construction document phase and construction phase to meet the deadline. Responses from Allers and OPN, in regard to the question already posed, will be sent to the committee members.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Other

Mr. Thackery reported that some members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be helping the child care project by doing some interior demo on April 6th from 9-noon.

Ms. Stanek provided the Final Title Opinion for the center property as prepared by Schnurr Law Firm. See noted that the exceptions mentioned in the opinion refer to easements of a telephone company and the DOT from the 1950s. She also noted that the taxes due April 1st have been paid.

Ms. Stanek reported that the property's neighbor, Iowa District West Office, had been in contact in regard to tree removal as they know we have some Ash trees that need to be removed, as do they. They were hoping to have one company come out and split the costs in hope of finding some savings. Mr. Thode reported that he will check in with someone regarding tree removal.

Ms. Stanek provided an overview of the current funding picture for the center. She noted that we will need to obtain the CDBG grant for the project and will still have a large amount of money to raise. An overview of the match for the Future Ready Iowa grant was provided. She noted that if the property had a higher appraised value that would help draw down the FRI grant award, however it does not replace the amount of cash need for construction. Mr. Thode reported he would check in with an appraiser.



Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Siepker called for a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING:

May 16th at 1:00 pm