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ROCK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. Meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

The meeting of the Rock County Housing Authority Committee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Chair Grahn presided. Members present: Billy Bob Grahn, Supervisor Kathy Schulz, Supervisor Shirley Williams, Jason Heidenreich, and Michelle Ponkauskas. QUORUM PRESENT.

Rock County Staff Present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director), Dana Sanwick (Office Coordinator).

Others Present: County Board Chair Rich Bostwick, Todd Mandel (Executive Director - Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development), and Paul Schechter (Executive Director of Sunnyside Development).

1. Call to Order.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Supervisor Schulz, **Seconded** by Supervisor Williams.
3. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes of the Housing Authority Meeting held April 21, 2021 at 9:00am
Moved by Jason Heidenreich, **Seconded** by Supervisor Schulz.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
5. **Action Item (Tabled from prior meeting):** Request to Approve a \$300,000 Home Fund Loan for a 24 Unit Rental Rehab project in Edgerton. The project will be under the \$24,999 cap per unit as authorized in Policy and Procedures Manual (memo attached).
Moved by Jason Heidenreich, **Seconded** by Michelle Ponkauskas.
Approved (5-0)

Question and answer session between Todd Mandel, Paul Schechter, and committee members followed by approval to proceed. Paul gave a rundown of the scope of work to be accomplished: replacing roof, replacing heating unit in common areas, install hard wired smoke alarms, new appliances in units, and relocation of tenants.
6. Discussion Regarding the Role of Housing Authority in Rock County

Committee would like to explore expanding its authority to include eviction assistance and acquiring funding to create or find low income rentals.

7. Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics

Review the Impediments of Fair Housing document.

American Rescue Plan available funding to help tenants.

In depth explanation of the HOME Program and its funding.

Identify areas outside of Janesville/Beloit to target most in need.

8. Discuss Future Meeting Schedule

Next meeting scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 9:00am.

9. Adjournment Time __10:18AM__

Chair Grahn adjourned meeting.

Respectfully Submitted – Dana Sanwick, Acting Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved by Committee.

Future Meeting Dates

June 2, 2021 9:00 AM