

**ST. CLOUD HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

A Regular Meeting for the St. Cloud HRA Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, via Chime. Chair Nancy Gohman called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. from the St. Cloud HRA Boardroom, 1225 W. St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN.

Consent Agenda:

1. Roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance spoken. Commissioners present via Chime teleconference: Mike Conway, Abdi Daisane, Seal Dwyer, Nancy Gohman, Jeff Goerger, George Hontos, and Hani Jacobson. Absent: none.
2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Goerger moved for approval of consent items and the agenda; Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. All Board members voted in approval. The agenda and consent agenda moved as presented.
3. Approval of Regular Minutes, May 26, 2021 – approved as presented.
4. Approval of Auditor’s Reports for the Year Ended December 31, 2020.
5. Approval of Records Retention Schedule.
6. Approval of Extension of Waivers Granted by the Department of Housing & Urban Development for Housing Authorities Under COVID-19.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

7. Ratification of Emergency Housing Vouchers. Executive Director Louise Reis discussed under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the St. Cloud HRA was awarded 48 emergency housing vouchers. There were only 16 housing authorities in Minnesota awarded the vouchers. The St. Cloud HRA had to notify HUD by May 24, 2021 if the HRA would accept the vouchers. Ms. Reis accepted the vouchers and asked the board for ratification of the housing vouchers. Commissioner Daisane moved; Commissioner Goerger seconded the motion. Chair Gohman asked what happens to the vouchers after September 2023. Ms. Reis said if the vouchers are not given up, and are currently being used as of September 2023, the vouchers will continue to be funded. All Commissioners voted in favor; the motion passed.
8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Central MN Continuum of Care. Executive Director Louise Reis recapped how the memorandum ties back to the emergency housing vouchers. HUD is requiring each housing authority to partner with their local continuum of care. The individuals and households that receive the vouchers from the St. Cloud HRA need to come through the Central MN Continuum of Care. Commissioner Dwyer moved for approval; Commissioner Goerger seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor; the motion passed.
9. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Housing Search Services with Stearns County. Executive Director Louise Reis recapped how the memorandum helps get the emergency housing

vouchers leased. Commissioner Goerger moved for approval and Commissioner Daisane seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor; the motion passed.

10. Approval of Resolution 2021-12 – Renewal of Bridges, Bridges RTC and Bridges Region 7E Rental Assistance Grants. Executive Director Louise Reis recapped that every two years The St. Cloud Housing and Redevelopment Authority needs to renew the Bridges Grant. Ms. Reis received an email from Minnesota Housing that Region 7E did not apply to renew their Bridges Grant. The St. Cloud HRA has been asked to administer their rental assistance dollars for the next two years. There are 21 slots in Region 7E. The moneys cannot be given to another agency in the area because no one applied. The St. Cloud HRA would receive an admin fee. Commissioner Conway moved to approve the motion; Commissioner Goerger seconded. Commissioner Dwyer commended Ms. Reis and Ms. Lygre for considering the project because the level of need is great in Region 7E. All Commissioners voted in favor; the motion passed.

11. Approval of Change in Persons Served at 54 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Executive Director Louise Reis stated the St. Cloud HRA purchased two homes in 1995 that were used for transitional housing. In 2016, one of the homes was granted a change in use from homeless veterans to homeless single women. A request was made to MN Housing if the second home could also shift from serving homeless veterans to serving homeless single women and their children. Commissioner Goerger moved for approval. Commissioner Daisane seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor; the motion passed.

12. Report on Activities – Ms. Reis stated The St. Cloud Housing and Redevelopment Authority worked with Stearns County to conduct a Covid-19 vaccination clinic at Wilson Apartments. Ms. Reis noted we have not been made aware of any outbreaks at any of the St. Cloud HRA buildings throughout the pandemic, noting residents have been particularly cooperative with guidelines.

Open Discussion: none.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chair, Nancy Gohman

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Secretary, George Hontos