

**DOWNTOWN OSHKOSH
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

2023 OPERATING PLAN



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Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District Boundaries

In general, the boundaries of the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District are the Fox River on the south, Division St. on the west, Parkway Ave. on the north and Jefferson St./State St. on the east.

INTRODUCTION

In 1980, the Common Council adopted the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Strategy. The Plan recommended increasing organizational efforts between the public and private sectors as well as establishing a voluntary special assessment district. A follow-up study, Planning Report - Central City Oshkosh, approved by the Common Council in 1987, expanded various elements of the previous plan and in particular recommended the creation of a management vehicle and funding base to serve the downtown area. The management tool recommended was a Business Improvement District.

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) is an essential entity to the Central Business District of Oshkosh. The BID, created in 1987, has maintained its initial premise to retain available free parking in the downtown, as well as proactively support revitalization efforts. Through the BID, property owners assess themselves to pay for activities to enhance and improve the downtown and to bring customers to the area.

The downtown continues to change as the mix of residential, commercial and professional occupants fill the district. The BID welcomes these changes as opportunities to continue economic development in our central city.

BID LAW

On April 6, 1984, the State of Wisconsin passed a law (Act 184), which allows for the creation of Business Improvement Districts. The law authorizes cities, villages and towns to create one or more business improvement districts to allow businesses within those districts to develop, manage, maintain and promote their districts and to establish an assessment method to fund these activities. A BID must be a geographic area within a municipality consisting of contiguous parcels that are subject to real estate taxes.

The formation of a Business Improvement District allows downtown business people, property owners, merchants, City officials and others to work together to determine what needs to be done to upgrade and strengthen the downtown and to pay the cost of those efforts, in whole or in part. It is a way for downtown stakeholders to decide what they want and to finance it.

A BID is the best available method for business people to organize, coordinate marketing and promotion efforts, provide management and maintenance programs and encourage business development. It affords property owners and business people a viable role in directing those affairs within the district. It also ensures that all beneficiaries of District programs participate in the funding of the programs.

Appendix C is a copy of the Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1109, regarding business improvement districts.

DOWNTOWN OSHKOSH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2023 OPERATING PLAN AND ASSESSMENT

The Downtown Oshkosh BID has established allocations for the 2023 Operating Plan for each program category after reviewing previously supported activities and soliciting proposals for events. All costs related to the program categories listed below will be incurred in the calendar year 2023.

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District Board will carry out the proposed program of activities listed below and as shown on the Budget in Appendix A of this Plan. The budget is separated into the following categories; Leadership, Recruitment/Retention/Mural Grants, Events, Advertising, Gift Card Program, MemberCO, Beautification, Storage Unit and Reserves/Capital Improvements.

The BID will assess itself \$140,610.00 in 2023. In addition to the assessment, the BID will utilize \$23,480.00 from Reserves/Capital Improvements to fund the 2023 budget.

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Leadership \$77,000

Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau Service Contract (BID Manager) \$72,000

The BID contracts with the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau for the services of the BID Manager who is a full-time employee of the BID. Expenses from this line item also include postage, employment benefits and other payroll/salary related expenses. This category also covers the BID Manager participation in professional development opportunities such as conferences, expos and business meetings.

Website Maintenance & Office Supplies \$5,000

Expenses from this line item will cover any costs associated with the downtownoshkosh.com website. This line item will also cover any needed office supply costs such as (but not limited to) envelopes, business cards, folders, etc.

Recruitment & Beautification Grant Programs \$20,000

Money to be disbursed based on approved applications submitted; grant amounts vary based on requested/approved grant amounts

Recruitment Fund Grant

The Recruitment Fund Grant is offered as an incentive tool to recruit small businesses to fill vacant spaces and energize the downtown. This grant can be used for leasehold improvements, signage, fixtures and inventory/equipment. Recruitment print materials are also taken from this line item.

Beautification Grant Program

The Beautification Grant Program was created to provide funds to businesses and/or property owners within the BID to assist with exterior building improvements including but not limited to facades, windows, doors and signage. The purpose of this grant is to improve the business climate in Downtown Oshkosh, enhance the quality of life and to encourage the development and maintenance of the buildings within the Business Improvement District. Beautification print materials are also taken from this line item.

Mural Grant Program

The Mural Grant Program was established to provide funds to property owners/artists within the BID to encourage exterior artwork that contributes to the beautification and economic vitality of the Downtown Oshkosh BID.

Events \$19,500

Waterfest \$2,000

Waterfest is a summer concert series that occurs on Thursday nights at the Leach Amphitheater, brought to the community by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. The event brings a significant number of visitors to the downtown area, many of whom patronize downtown businesses before and after the event.

Wine/Beer Walk(s) \$0

This is a BID event that happens two times throughout the year. The purpose of this event is to have attendees shop & explore Downtown Oshkosh while enjoying samples of wine within each participating business.

Holiday Parade \$0

Previously ran for many years by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, the BID continues the tradition of holding a nighttime parade in Downtown Oshkosh in the month of November. This is a great community event that brings thousands of people to the downtown area.

Farmers Market \$5,000

With over 140 vendors every Saturday morning, the Downtown Market brings the Oshkosh community fresh, in-season produce, meats, flowers, hand-crafted items and more. It is a major attraction that brings thousands of people downtown each week. This event takes place every Saturday from 8:00am-12:30pm on the 400 and 500 blocks of N Main Street and 100 block of Church Avenue.

Music in the Square/Lunch Events \$10,000

In an effort to create more programming and general activity downtown, the BID will host music in Opera House Square to promote local musicians, draw people downtown and create a fun, family-friendly weekly activity for the community.

Downtown Events \$2,500

An additional \$2,500 has been budgeted for new and other miscellaneous downtown events and activities throughout 2023.

Advertising \$15,000

The Advertising budget and will be used to promote and market Downtown Oshkosh throughout 2023 through a variety of different outlets including social media, newspaper advertisements, print advertising and more.

Gift Card Program \$1,000

Funds used to support the ACH pooling account, including the monthly fee of the program and transaction fees.

MemberCO \$2,150

Events \$2,000

Funds are for events and marketing needed for the MemberCO Committee throughout 2023.

Downtown Chalk Walk \$150

2023 will be the 10th annual Chalk Walk event in Downtown Oshkosh. The money on this line item is used to cover the cost of street barricades for the day of the event.

Arts & Beautification \$28,000

Monthly Maintenance (COTS) \$10,000

The Downtown BID is working with Riverview Gardens and COTS Oshkosh and other local shelters to establish a downtown cleanup program.

Holiday/Seasonal Plantings \$15,000

These funds will be used for holiday decorations including holiday décor for the BID's 104 flower pots, lighting of the nine trees around Opera House Square and replacement light strands.

Seagull Mitigation Project \$3,000

The BID contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services team for the removal of seagull eggs and nests throughout the downtown area. This is a multi-year process and the \$3,000 will be designated for the 2023 contract with the USDA.

Storage Unit \$1,440

This line item is to cover the rental cost of the BID's storage unit. The storage unit is needed to store MemberCO event materials and any additional materials.

Reserves/Capital Improvements

These funds have been set aside by the Board for projects and programs to support BID businesses. Any unspent funds from 2023 will be transferred into this account, unless otherwise mentioned as a rollover or transfer into a different line item.

ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to Section 66.1109(3), Wisconsin Statutes, a Downtown Business Improvement District Board has been appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The Board is comprised of thirteen (12) members and two (2) alternate members representing the following interests: The Mayor may also appoint two non-voting youth members.

3 Owner/Non-Occupant
5 Non-Owner/Occupant
5 Owner/Occupant
2 Alternates

By-Laws Amended March 19, 2019

The distribution of non-occupant owners and owners/occupants may vary from time to time, as members are reappointed or as new members join the Board. Per section 66.1109 (3a), Wisconsin Statutes, a majority of the board members shall own or occupy real property in the Business Improvement District. Nonresidents of the City of Oshkosh are permitted as members of the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District Board. Other membership requirements may apply per the "By-Laws of the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District" (dated December 19, 1989, amended June 15, 2004, April 19, 2011, April 18, 2017 October 16, 2018 and March 19, 2019).

In addition, Board members represent different areas within the District, including large and small businesses. As a City entity, the Board will conduct its affairs under the open meetings law and public record requirements. The Director of Community Development or designee serves as the Secretary of the Board. Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 8:00am, at Oshkosh City Hall or other venue within the BID. A roster of the 2023 BID Board members is included as Appendix E.

The Board is responsible for the management of the Business Improvement District. Responsibilities of the Board include implementing the Operating Plan and preparing annual reports on the District. The Board will also annually consider and make changes to the

Operating Plan and submit the Operating Plan and Budget to the Common Council for approval.

RELATIONSHIP TO DOWNTOWN PLANNING

Creation of the Business Improvement District promotes the orderly development of the municipality by implementing recommendations of the City Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Action Plan and Imagine Oshkosh that contain various elements related to downtown design and development with prominent focus on beautification in BID areas as well as the promotion of downtown tourism. In 2000, the Common Council adopted the Downtown Action Plan, which contains various elements related to downtown design and development with prominent focus on redevelopment and beautification in BID areas. In November of 2017, the Common Council adopted *Imagine Oshkosh, A Master Plan for our Center City*. Imagine Oshkosh is an update and expansion to the Downtown Action Plan and serves as a policy guide and action framework for the center city which includes the BID. The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District is consistent with and critical to the continued successful implementation of these downtown plans. The BID enables the private sector to undertake promotion, management, marketing and other programs essential to a prosperous downtown.

DOWNTOWN OSHKOSH BID ASSESSMENT METHOD

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District special assessment method utilizes assessed value information and property street footage data, both of which are available from the City Assessor's Office. As the absolute values of assessed value and footage cannot be combined, the values are calculated as a percentage of the total assessed value and a percentage of the street footage. The two percentages are added together, then divided by 200 percent, which results in a proportionate value of the total district.

In 2021, the BID Board approved increases to the minimum special assessment from \$420.00 to \$445.00 and the maximum special assessment from \$8,400.00 to \$8,820.00, representing a 5.95% and 5.00% increase, respectively. The 2023 minimum and maximum assessments will not be increased, staying at \$445.00 & \$8,820.00, respectively.

Properties with a proportionate value between 0.0000% and 0.2798% are assessed the minimum special assessment of \$445.00.

Properties with a proportionate value greater than 5.5464% are assessed the maximum special assessment of \$8,820.00.

For properties with a proportionate value between 0.2798% and 5.5464% - The property's proportionate value is multiplied by \$1,590.2298, resulting in the special assessment for the property.

Example: 101 Algoma Boulevard has a Proportionate Value of 0.331938%. When multiplied by \$1,590.2298, the special assessment is \$527.86.
($0.331938\% \times \$1,590.2298 = \527.86)

The raw data, assessment calculations and proposed District assessment for each property in the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District are presented in Appendix B. The data for the assessment method have been obtained from the files of the City Assessor and are subject to final tabulation by the City. To account for street front footages, the frontage of the property's primary address as identified by the City Assessor is used. Properties with more than one street frontage are not combined.

Only property used for commercial and manufacturing purposes, including real property used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, in the District will be assessed. Real property used exclusively for residential (single and two-family) purposes will not be assessed.

APPENDIX A: 2023 DOWNTOWN OSHKOSH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

REVENUE - 2023 BID ASSESSMENT		\$	140,610
REVENUE - BID RESERVES		\$	23,480
EXPENSES		\$	164,090
	Breakdown		Total
Leadership		\$	77,000
Oshkosh CVB Service Contract (BID Manager)	\$ 72,000		
Website Maintenance/Office Supplies	\$ 5,000		
	<u>\$ 77,000</u>		
Recruitment & Beautification Grant Programs		\$	20,000
Events		\$	19,500
Waterfest	\$ 2,000		
Music in the Square/Lunch Events	\$ 10,000		
Wine/Beer Walk(s)	\$ -		
Holiday Parade	\$ -		
Farmers Market	\$ 5,000		
Downtown Events	\$ 2,500		
	<u>\$ 19,500</u>		
Advertising		\$	15,000
Gift Card Program		\$	1,000
MemberCO		\$	2,150
Holiday	\$ 2,000		
Chalk Walk	\$ 150		
Chocolate Stroll	\$ -		
	<u>\$ 2,150</u>		
Arts and Beautification		\$	28,000
Monthly Maintenance (COTS)	\$ 10,000		
Holiday/Seasonal Plantings	\$ 15,000		
Seagull Mitigation Project	\$ 3,000		
	<u>\$ 28,000</u>		
Storage Unit		\$	1,440
		<u>\$</u>	<u>164,090</u>
Reserves/Capital Improvements			
Approximately \$111,700 on January 1, 2023			

APPENDIX C

66.1109 Business improvement districts.

(1) In this section:

- (a) "Board" means a business improvement district board appointed under sub. (3) (a).
- (b) "Business improvement district" means an area within a municipality consisting of contiguous parcels and may include railroad rights-of-way, rivers, or highways continuously bounded by the parcels on at least one side, and shall include parcels that are contiguous to the district but that were not included in the original or amended boundaries of the district because the parcels were tax-exempt when the boundaries were determined and such parcels became taxable after the original or amended boundaries of the district were determined.
- (c) "Chief executive officer" means a mayor, city manager, village president or town chairperson.
- (d) "Local legislative body" means a common council, village board of trustees or town board of supervisors.
- (e) "Municipality" means a city, village or town.
- (f) "Operating plan" means a plan adopted or amended under this section for the development, redevelopment, maintenance, operation and promotion of a business improvement district, including all of the following:

1. The special assessment method applicable to the business improvement district.

1m. Whether real property used exclusively for manufacturing purposes will be specially assessed.

2. The kind, number and location of all proposed expenditures within the business improvement district.

3. A description of the methods of financing all estimated expenditures and the time when related costs will be incurred.

4. A description of how the creation of the business improvement district promotes the orderly development of the municipality, including its relationship to any municipal master plan.

5. A legal opinion that subs. 1. to 4. have been complied with.

(g) "Planning commission" means a plan commission under s. 62.23, or if none a board of public land commissioners, or if none a planning committee of the local legislative body.

(2) A municipality may create a business improvement district and adopt its operating plan if all of the following are met:

(a) An owner of real property used for commercial purposes and located in the proposed business improvement district designated under par. (b) has petitioned the municipality for creation of a business improvement district.

(b) The planning commission has designated a proposed business improvement district and adopted its proposed initial operating plan.

(c) At least 30 days before creation of the business improvement district and adoption of its initial operating plan by the municipality, the planning commission has held a public hearing on its proposed business improvement district and initial operating plan. Notice of the hearing shall be published as a class 2 notice under ch. 985. Before publication, a copy of the notice together with a copy of the proposed initial operating plan and a copy of a detail map showing the boundaries of the proposed business improvement district shall be sent by certified mail to all owners of real property within the proposed business improvement district. The notice shall state the boundaries of the proposed business improvement district and shall indicate that copies of the proposed initial operating plan are available from the planning commission on request.

(d) Within 30 days after the hearing under par. (c), the owners of property to be assessed under the proposed initial operating plan having a valuation equal to more than 40 percent of the valuation of all property to be assessed under the proposed initial operating plan, using the method of valuation specified in the proposed initial operating plan, or the owners of property to be assessed under the proposed initial operating plan having an assessed valuation equal to more than 40 percent of the assessed valuation of all property to be assessed under the proposed initial operating plan, have not filed a petition with the planning commission protesting the proposed business improvement district or its proposed initial operating plan.

(e) The local legislative body has voted to adopt the proposed initial operating plan for the municipality.

(2m) A municipality may annex territory to an existing business improvement district if all of the following are met:

(a) An owner of real property used for commercial purposes and located in the territory proposed to be annexed has petitioned the municipality for annexation.

(b) The planning commission has approved the annexation.

(c) At least 30 days before annexation of the territory, the planning commission has held a public hearing on the proposed annexation. Notice of the hearing shall be published as a class 2 notice under ch. 985. Before publication, a copy of the notice together with a copy of a detail map showing the boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed to the business improvement district shall be sent by certified mail to all owners of real property within the territory proposed to be annexed. The notice shall state the boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed.

(d) Within 30 days after the hearing under par. (c), the owners of property in the territory to be annexed that would be assessed under the operating plan having a valuation equal to more than 40 percent of the valuation of all property in the territory to be annexed that would be assessed under the operating plan, using the method of valuation specified in the operating plan, or the owners of property in the territory to be annexed that would be assessed under the operating plan having an assessed valuation equal to more than 40 percent of the assessed valuation of all property in the territory to be annexed that would be assessed under the operating plan, have not filed a petition with the planning commission protesting the annexation.

(3)

(a) The chief executive officer shall appoint members to a business improvement district board to implement the operating plan. Board members shall be confirmed by the local legislative body and shall serve staggered terms designated by the local legislative body. The board shall have at least 5 members. A majority of board members shall own or occupy real property in the business improvement district.

(b) The board shall annually consider and may make changes to the operating plan, which may include termination of the plan, for its business improvement district. The board shall then submit the operating plan to the local legislative body for its approval. If the local legislative body disapproves the operating plan, the board shall consider and may make changes to the operating plan and may continue to resubmit the operating plan until local legislative body approval is obtained. Any change to the special assessment method applicable to the business improvement district shall be approved by the local legislative body.

(c) The board shall prepare and make available to the public annual reports describing the current status of the business improvement district, including expenditures and revenues. The report shall include one of the following:

1. If the cash balance in the segregated account described under sub. (4) equaled or exceeded \$300,000 at any time during the period covered by the report, the municipality shall obtain an independent certified audit of the implementation of the operating plan.

2. If the cash balance in the segregated account described under sub. (4) was less than \$300,000 at all times during the period covered by the report, the municipality shall obtain a reviewed financial statement for the most recently completed fiscal year. The statement shall be prepared in

accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and include a review of the financial statement by an independent certified public accountant.

- (cg) For calendar years beginning after December 31, 2018, the dollar amount at which a municipality is required to obtain an independent certified audit under par. (c) 1. and the dollar amount at which a municipality is required to obtain a reviewed financial statement under par. (c) 2. shall be increased each year by a percentage equal to the percentage change between the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, for the month of August of the previous year and the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, for the month of August 2017, as determined by the federal department of labor. Each amount that is revised under this paragraph shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10 if the revised amount is not a multiple of \$10 or, if the revised amount is a multiple of \$5, such an amount shall be increased to the next higher multiple of \$10.
- (cr) The municipality shall obtain an additional independent certified audit of the implementation of the operating plan upon termination of the business improvement district.
- (d) Either the board or the municipality, as specified in the operating plan as adopted, or amended and approved under this section, has all powers necessary or convenient to implement the operating plan, including the power to contract.
- (4) All special assessments received from a business improvement district and all other appropriations by the municipality or other moneys received for the benefit of the business improvement district shall be placed in a segregated account in the municipal treasury. No disbursements from the account may be made except to reimburse the municipality for appropriations other than special assessments, to pay the costs of audits and reviewed financial statements required under sub. (3) (c), or on order of the board for the purpose of implementing the operating plan. On termination of the business improvement district by the municipality, all moneys collected by special assessment remaining in the account shall be disbursed to the owners of specially assessed property in the business improvement district, in the same proportion as the last collected special assessment.
- (4g) A municipality may convert a business improvement district under this section into a neighborhood improvement district under s. 66.1110 if an owner of real property that is subject to general real estate taxes, that is used exclusively for residential purposes, and that is located in the business improvement district petitions the municipality for the conversion. If the municipality approves the petition, the board shall consider and may make changes to the operating plan under s. 66.1110 (4) (b).
- (4m) A municipality shall terminate a business improvement district if the owners of property assessed under the operating plan having a valuation equal to more than 50 percent of the valuation of all property assessed under the operating plan, using the method of valuation specified in the operating plan, or the owners of property assessed under the operating plan having an assessed valuation equal to more than 50 percent of the assessed valuation of all property assessed under the operating plan, file a petition with the planning commission requesting termination of the business improvement district, subject to all of the following conditions:
- (a) A petition may not be filed under this subsection earlier than one year after the date the municipality first adopts the operating plan for the business improvement district.
- (b) On and after the date a petition is filed under this subsection, neither the board nor the municipality may enter into any new obligations by contract or otherwise to implement the operating plan until the expiration of 30 days after the date of hearing under par. (c) and unless the business improvement district is not terminated under par. (e).
- (c) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under this subsection, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed termination. Notice of the hearing shall be published as a class 2 notice under ch. 985. Before publication, a copy of the notice together with a copy of the operating plan and a copy of a detail map showing the boundaries of the business improvement district shall be sent by certified mail to all owners of real property within the business improvement district. The notice shall state the boundaries of the business improvement district and shall indicate that copies of the operating plan are available from the planning commission on request.
- (d) Within 30 days after the date of hearing under par. (c), every owner of property assessed under the operating plan may send written notice to the planning commission indicating, if the owner signed a petition under this subsection, that the owner retracts the owner's request to terminate the business improvement district, or, if the owner did not sign the petition, that the owner requests termination of the business improvement district.
- (e) If after the expiration of 30 days after the date of hearing under par. (c), by petition under this subsection or subsequent notification under par. (d), and after subtracting any retractions under par. (d), the owners of property assessed under the operating plan having a valuation equal to more than 50 percent of the valuation of all property assessed under the operating plan, using the method of valuation specified in the operating plan, or the owners of property assessed under the operating plan having an assessed valuation equal to more than 50 percent of the assessed valuation of all property assessed under the operating plan, have requested the termination of the business improvement district, the municipality shall terminate the business improvement district on the date that the obligation with the latest completion date entered into to implement the operating plan expires.
- (5)
- (a) Real property used exclusively for residential purposes and real property that is exempted from general property taxes under s. 70.11 may not be specially assessed for purposes of this section.
- (b) A municipality may terminate a business improvement district at any time.
- (c) This section does not limit the power of a municipality under other law to regulate the use of or specially assess real property.
- (d) If real property that is specially assessed as authorized under this section is of mixed use such that part of the real property is exempted from general property taxes under s. 70.11 or is residential, or both, and part of the real property is taxable, the municipality may specially assess as authorized under this section only the percentage of the real property that is not tax-exempt or residential. This paragraph applies only to a 1st class city.

History: 1983 a. 184; 1989 a. 56 s. 258; 1999 a. 150 s. 539; Stats. 1999 s. 66.1109; 2001 a. 85; 2017 a. 59, 70, 189.

**APPENDIX D
Legal Opinion**



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October 13, 2022

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Re: Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District – 2023 Operating Plan

Dear Ms. Nieforth:

I have reviewed the proposed 2023 operating plan submitted by the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID), specifically with regard to the requirements set forth in Section 66.1109(1)(f) Wis. Stats., which calls for a legal opinion that certain requirements are met in the operating plan.

The operating plan includes a provision indicating the special assessment method applicable to the BID. Real property used exclusively for manufacturing purposes will be assessed under the plan. A description of the kind, number, and location of the proposed expenditures within the BID is included as well as a description of the methods of financing to be used. The Plan specifies that all costs will be incurred during calendar year 2023. Finally, the operating plan contains the required description of how the BID promotes the orderly development of the municipality, including its relationship to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Action Plan and Imagine Oshkosh Plan. It is, therefore, my opinion that requirements of Section 66.1109(1)(f) have been complied with.

Yours truly,
CITY OF OSHKOSH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn A. Lorenson".

Lynn A. Lorenson
City Attorney

Cc: Jeff Nau, Staff Liaison to BID

APPENDIX E

Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District Board Members

Board Member	Category	Term Expires
Marlo Ambas	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2024
Chanda Anderson	Non-Owner/Occupant	5/31/2024
Megan Lang, Chair	Owner/Non-Occupant	5/31/2025
Kris Larson, Vice Chair	Owner/Occupant or Non-Owner/Occupant	5/31/2025
Autumn Urban	Non-Owner/Occupant	5/31/2024
Sandra Prunty	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2025
Barb Nelson	Non-Owner/Occupant	5/31/2023
Carrie Olson	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2025
James Stapel	Owner/Non-Occupant or Owner/Occupant	5/31/2023
James Evans	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2023
Aaron Armstrong	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2024
Dr. Jill Anderson	Owner/Occupant	5/31/2023
Derek Mulloy	Alternate #1	5/31/2023
Vacant	Alternate #2	5/31/2024