

Lenawee County Land Bank Authority

Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Opening: The Sub-Committee meeting of the Lenawee County Land Bank Authority Board was called to order at 1:30pm on August 28, 2023 by Chair Van Dyke at the Lenawee County Courthouse Chambers.

Present: Erin Van Dyke, Roger Ferguson, Nancy Jenkins-Arno

Absent: Kristen Brown

Guest: Francine Zysk, Erik Gable, Jere Righter

Secretary: Anna Solis

Call to Order: Chair Van Dyke called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Motion by R. Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by N. Jenkins-Arno. Unanimously approved.*
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by R. Ferguson to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Sub-committee meeting as presented, supported by N. Jenkins-Arno. Unanimously approved.*
- III. **Review of Financials:** N/A
- IV. **Existing Business**
 1. **Adrian Development Collaborative Project Discussion:** Community Development Coordinator, asked that this be addressed at the next meeting as she was speaking with the State Land Bank.
 2. **The Croswell Opera House Presentation:** Jere Righter provided a packet to the board outlining a request of funding from the Land Bank for the Croswell Opera House Front Street Revitalization Project. They are interested in phase 4 of the Blight Elimination funds from the State Land Bank. She stated that they would like to use the structure, previously known as the Pharm, as a rental and for an education and performance area. Ms. Righter stated they applied for a grant last year which they did not receive, they did apply again this year. They have already made some improvements to the building. Director Jenkins-Arno asked about the condition of structure. Ms. Righter said the interior is in good condition. Chair Van Dyke asked about the timeline, Ms. Righter said as soon as possible, they have a 3-5 year fundraising campaign. They have not reached out to the City of Adrian for possible available funds. It was discussed that the County Land Bank does not yet have a process or procedure to take in properties, for the purpose of Blight Elimination grant. Francine Zysk advised she would take the proposal to the Land Bank summit in September to network any other funding avenues. She is also forwarding the information for the Main Street Development grant to Ms. Righter.

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- V. Adjournment:** *Motion by N. Jenkins-Arno to adjourn the meeting at 1:45p.m., seconded by R. Ferguson. Unanimously approved.*

Minutes submitted by: Anna Solis