

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012 following the 4:00 p.m. EDC meeting
PLACE OF MEETING: Room 207A, County Administration Building

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Ruth Blake, Brandt Iden, Ken Peregon, Julie Rogers, Anne Summerfield, Thell Woods

Excused: Clare Annen, Larry Baumgart, Matt VanDyk, Andy Wenzel

Kalamazoo Township: George Cochran

Staff: David Artley, Jeff Hawkins (Envirologic)

Presenter: David Harn, DEQ

Community: Mary Brown

Minutes: Janet Jones

1. Chairperson Agostinelli called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.
2. Members Excused: Clare Annen, Larry Baumgart, Matt VanDyk, Andy Wentzel
3. Summerville moved and Iden seconded approval of the Agenda. Motion Carried
4. Staff Reports: Artley distributed changes to Item 8 on the February 23, 2012 minutes. Rogers moved and Woods seconded approval of the minutes as amended. Motion Carried.
5. Citizens Comments: None
6. Consent Calendar:
Peregon moved and Rogers seconded approval of the invoice for clerical support for the meeting on February 23, 2012 – Janet Jones/ 3 hours @ \$15/h = \$45.00. Motion Carried.
7. Discussion/Action Calendar: none
8. Staff Reports:
David Harn of DEQ distributed two reports: “Michigan’s Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative” and “Reinventing the State’s Cleanup and Redevelopment Program.”
He reported on changes at the DEQ (including a new Director) and outlined the new collaborative group termed CIS that includes DEQ and the State Government as well as business and community stakeholders. The purpose of CIS is to develop compromises that are agreeable to all stakeholders so that both development and environmental concerns can be addressed. Three meetings of CIS earlier this year resulted in recommendations for immediate, medium and longer term (6-12 month) actions. An Office of Regulatory Reinvention was established.
Changes in the processes ensure that most decisions will be made at the District level without State review. The Kalamazoo District covers 8 SWMI Counties. A webinar was developed to train staff and explain the changes to the department; the webinar will likely be available on the State of Michigan website. Harn is the designated staff for this region and is available as needed to the BRA as a resource and will attend meetings as requested.
 - a. 1807 N. Pitcher: Artley was unable to connect with Jamie Clark but assumes that in the absence of any contact, Clark does not intend to submit a bid.

- b. Beckan Industries: Nothing to report.
- c. Daisy Project: BRA will be notified within a few days as to how the award will go

9. Committees

a. **Land Bank report:** Woods reported that there are two new members on the Committee (Huntington Bank & WMU). The last meeting included discussion of “Vibrant Kalamazoo,” a new organization to open up new avenues of funding to help home buyers with financing. Rogers added that Mary Balkema of the Land Bank made a presentation to the County Commission. Artley will locate the Powerpoint she used and distribute to BRA by e-mail

b. **Executive Committee –**

The committee met in February and discussed the two potential projects – Portage site and the Daisy site both of which are still viable.

Next meeting: TBD in Planning Dept. Rm. 101

c. **Project/Finance Committee:** No report

Next meeting: Thursday, April 12, 4:00 p.m. Planning Dept. Rm. 101

d. **PR/Media Committee:** Hawkins reported that the sign at Beckan Industries was moved to Consumers Credit Union site (photos to follow). A “Lunch and Learn” possibly focused on local units of government was proposed. It was agreed to send invitations by postcard and e-mail. May 18 and 23 were suggested as possible times for this event. Venues were discussed.

9. **Nominating Committee:** Those members who are willing to serve in office should contact David Artley. Those not wishing to serve will form the nominating committee. A meeting will be set by e-mail.

10. Board Member Comments: None

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**