

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2012

PLACE OF MEETING: Room 207A, County Administration Building

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Clare Annen, Larry Baumgart, Brandt Iden, Julie Rogers, Anne Summerfield, Matthew VanDyk, Andy Wenzel, Thell Woods

Members Excused: Ruth Blake, Brandt Iden, Kenneth Peregon

Kalamazoo Township: George Cochran

Community: Connie Ferguson

Guests: Lisa K.J. Phillips, Phillips Environmental Consulting Svcs, Inc.; Erik D. Peterson, Envirologic; Brittainy R. Roth, Environlogic

Staff: David Artley, Lotta Jarnefelt

Recording Secretary: Janet Jones

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Agostinelli at 4:20 pm.
2. Ruth Blake, Brandt Iden, Kenneth Peregon were excused.
3. VanDyk moved and Rogers seconded approval of the April 28, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
4. Officer Election: Rogers nominated VanDyk as alternate to the Land Bank. The following officers were elected unanimously to serve for the coming year:
 - i. Chair – Joe Agostinelli
 - ii. Vice Chair – Julie Rogers
 - iii. Secretary – Ruth Blake
 - iv. Treasurer – Ruth Blake
 - v. Liaison to Land Bank – Thell Woods
 - vi. Alternate Liaison to Land Bank – Matt VanDyk
5. Thanks and appreciation to out-going Secretary/Treasurer Clare Annen for his many years of service in that capacity.
6. Successes of 2011: Artley called attention to the handout in the agenda packet and highlighted the activities.
 - New project was added to Brownfield Plan
 - Cut first check as BRA
 - Lunch and Learn event was well received
 - BRA members attended the national conference
 - Many more projects were approved
 - Agostinelli – Brownfield is the most powerful economic development tool at the County's disposal
 - Artley: biggest challenge of the year was working through the very long invoice from Midlink. The success proved that the process is very workable
 - The BRA sign was developed and moved in a timely fashion as projects occurred. The telephone number on the sign needs to be changed to: 384-8112

- The discussion by BRA members was deep, sometimes difficult, but ultimately very rewarding. The stage is set for 2012
- Lotta noted that the Planning Dept. Annual Report will be on May 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the COW meeting of the County Commission. GIS program and BRA program will be featured.
- LandBank Conference will be hosted in Kalamazoo and provides an opportunity to showcase projects of the BRA.

7. Board Member Comments: None

8. Citizen Comments: Connie Ferguson of CUR offered congratulations on the accomplishments of the past year

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.