
KALAMAZOO COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2013
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a
TIME: 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Clare Annen, Tim Hudson, Julie Rogers, Anne Summerfield, Thell Woods, Habib Mandwee, Christopher Carew, Andy Wenzel

Members Excused: Ken Peregon, Travis Grimwood

Kalamazoo Township: None

Staff: Lee Adams

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins

Recording Secretary: Zeña Vos

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1. Chair called the meeting to Order at 4:04 pm.
 2. Members Excused: Ken Peregon, Travis Grimwood
 3. Approval of the Agenda: **Wenzel moved and Summerfield seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion Carried.**
 4. Approval of Minutes: **Hudson moved and Carew seconded the approval of November 21, 2013 minutes. Motion Carried.**
 5. Citizens Comments: None
 6. Consent Calendar
 - a. Mileage Reimbursement
Jarnefelt's mileage for attending the NBA Conference in Lansing amount of \$88.14 & Adams' mileage for month of November \$27.74
Hudson moved and Summerfield seconded the approval of the mileage in the total amount of \$115.88. Motion Carried.
 7. Discussion and/or Action Calendar
 - a. **Discussion/Action** – General Mills Project
 - i. Update on Development Agreement
The representatives from each party have made all required changes and approved the development agreement. The agreement was signed by General Mills and Tippman. Agostinelli will sign and send it to Midlink for their signatures.
 - ii. Invoice #29526 from Envirologic Technologies – \$12,979.35
This invoice is for work on the Phase II, BEA, Sec 7A Compliance, General BRA consulting activities, and Act 381 Work Plan.
Wenzel moved and Hudson seconded the approval of payment for invoice #29526 in the amount of \$12,979.35. Motion Carried.
 - iii. Howard and Howard Invoice - \$1,461.50
Summerfield expressed her support to hire local firm since the current firm no longer has a Kalamazoo office. Agostinelli is in support of finding a local firm but expressed concern with the level of brownfield expertise in the area. For any future
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projects, Summerfield suggests that the BRA go through a competitive bidding process.

Summerfield moved and Woods seconded the approval of payment for invoice in the amount of \$1,461.50. Motion Carried.

b. **Discussion** – 9008 Portage Road

i. Update on Brownfield Plan

Adams sent the Development Agreement to Alex Gwiazdowski. His attorney is currently reviewing it. The County Board of Commissioners approved the Brownfield Plan at their Dec 3rd Meeting.

Hawkins mentioned that the authority approved the creation of an Act 381 Work plan but he suggested waiting until BRA staff has a meeting with the MEDC.

Adams will contact the MEDC Community Assistant Team member Roselyn Jones.

c. **Discussion/Action** – Update on Projects/Invoices

i. 306 N Grand

1. Demolition Update

Hawkins reported that demolition is complete. He made a request to the MDEQ for use of emergency funds to address the vessel containing an unknown substance still on site.

2. Invoice #29520 from Envirologic Technologies – \$2,011.60

Hawkins briefly explained the work related to this invoice.

Hudson moved and Mandwee seconded the approval of payment for invoice #29520 in the amount of \$2,011.60. Motion Carried.

ii. Vicksburg Paper Mill

Agostinelli gave a brief update on the project and meetings with companies potentially interested in locating at the mill site.

Hawkins noted that the clarifiers are currently in the midst of demolition.

Agostinelli noted that the Village wants to dissolve the existing Brownfield Plan for the site and enter the site into a County Brownfield Plan.

1. Invoice #29521 from Envirologic Technologies – \$4,000.00

Hawkins stated that this invoice is for the Phase I Environmental site assessment of the newer portion of the mill.

2. Invoice #29523 from Envirologic Technologies – \$3,000.00

This invoice is for the BEA for the newer portion of the mill.

Annen moved and Summerfield seconded the approval of payment for invoices #29521 & 25923 in the total amount of \$7,000.00 Motion Carried.

Hawkins stated that the County Treasurer has contracted with ET to apply for MDEQ assessment funding and perform the preliminary assessment work needed for the application.

iii. CMS Lake St

1. Invoice #29527 from Envirologic Technologies – \$483.75

Hawkins confirmed the suspected petroleum contamination associated with former underground storage tank. The site also contained evidence of metal contaminations. The Phase I, BEA Due Care Plan are all complete and has been provided to the developer.

Adams stated that staff received a letter from the City of Kalamazoo confirming their willingness to allow the KCBRA to enter the site into a Brownfield Plan.

Rogers moved and Woods seconded the approval of payment for invoice #29527 in the amount of \$483.75. Motion Carried.

d. **Discussion/Action** – Midlink

- i. Check Received - \$1,071.20

Adams requested board action to distribute payment to Midlink.

Annen moved and Wenzel seconded the reimbursement payment to 5200 East Cork Street LLC in the amount of \$1,071.20. Motion Carried.

e. **Discussion** – Apollo Plastics

Annen gave a brief history of the project. He felt that the BRA could recoup the funds expended on the site through administrative expenses.

Annen made a motion to add \$27,363.21 to the ongoing KCBRA administrative expenses.

Agostinelli asked if the law would allow for the capture of administrative expenses incurred in 2007.

Rogers suggested seeking a legal opinion on the issue.

Wenzel moved and Rogers seconded to table the motion until the next meeting. Motion Carried.

Hawkins will research the issue before the next meeting.

f. **Discussion** – EPA Grant Application

Adams noted that the deadline to apply is in January and Envirologic needs direction at this meeting.

The board briefly discussed the merits of an EPA grant application.

Woods moved and Rogers seconded the authorization of staff to submit a grant application for site assessment similar to last year's application. Motion Carried.

8. Staff Reports

- a. CUR Lunch – Adams said that CUR met last month. It was a good opportunity to discuss Brownfield issues with members from the MDEQ, Nature Center, City, and Land Bank.

b. Interest Collection and Staff Expenses

Adams stated that staff met with the County Finance Department. The Finance Department stated that the rate charged to the BRA was not sufficient to cover all county related expenses.

Agostinelli would like to take part in the next conversation between staff and the Finance Department.

- c. Brown Family Update
Adams gave a brief update on the project. If there are no new developer expenses, the LSRRF collection should start in 2014.

9. Committees - times dates and places

- a. Land Bank Report–
Woods – the Land bank board approved the purchase of the newer section of the Vicksburg paper mill. Board member Mike Seelye resigned. Three community members applied for the opening and of them was David Artley. The Board made a recommendation of Michael Collins to the County Board of Commissioners.
- b. Project/Finance Committee– verbal report, meeting schedule Thursday, Jan 9th, 4:00 pm
- c. Executive Committee – verbal report, meeting schedule Friday, Jan10th, 8:30 am
- d. PR/Media Committee – none
- e. Policy Subcommittee – verbal report, meeting schedule: January 14, 4:00 p.m.

10. Other – none

11. Board Member Comments

Woods noted that the State Senate and the House unanimously approved a Crowd Funding Bill. Woods hopes the Governor will sign the bill and make crowdfunding a reality in Michigan.

The KCBRA Chair thanked the Board for their service in 2013. He is looking forward to another productive year.

12. Adjournment at 5:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: 4th Thursday – January 23, 2014 at 4pm (room 207a, County Admin Bldg)
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