Ogemaw County
Land Bank Authority
Meeting Minutes
05/22/2024

Caren Piglowski called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Present: Caren Piglowski, Liz Steinhurst, Scott Bell, Jenny Hurley, Denise Simmons, and John Dantzer. All recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda by Scott Bell, support by John Dantzer. Vote: Ayes – all, motion approved.

Committee meeting minutes of 04/17/2024 were reviewed. **Motion by Liz Steinhurst support by Scott Bell to approve the minutes. Vote: Ayes – all, motion approved.**

Caren Piglowski presented the current financial activity report and invoices for payment as follows: Bierlein Companies Inc. $59,000.00, Bierlein Companies Inc. $47,500.00, Sagasser & Associates $2,292.00, MI Association of Land Banks $250.00 and Northern Analytical Services LLC $600.00. **Motion by Denise Simmons, support by Liz Steinhurst to accept the financial report. Vote: Ayes – all, motion approved. Motion by Scott Bell, support by Denise Simmons to approve the invoices for payment as presented. Vote: Ayes – all, motion approved.**

Caren Piglowski informed the board members the annual Land Bank report has been filed with the State Land Bank. A copy of the report is available for board review.

Caren Piglowski presented training opportunity information received from MALB and the National Land Bank Network.

Caren Piglowski presented correspondence received from Scot Egleston, Headwaters Land Conservancy. The information will be held on file for any future property opportunities to work with this agency.

Caren Piglowski presented information received from a recent MSHDA grant opportunities training class held on 04/18/2024 and grant information received from EGLE, Environmental Justice Impact Grant.

Discussion regarding Right of First Refusal for foreclosed parcel #052-203-039-00 located on S. Livingston St., West Branch. The property presents a good opportunity to collaborate with the new Housing Committee for future housing development for our community. **Motion by Caren Piglowski, support by Jenny Hurley for the Ogemaw County Land Bank Authority to take ownership of foreclosed parcel #052-203-039-00 in the City of West Branch under the Right of First Refusal section of the General Property Tax Act. Vote – Ayes – all, motion approved.**

Denise Simmons will email a list of the foreclosed parcels including addresses to the Land Bank board members for consideration at the next meeting. Liz Steinhurst will contact a developer regarding interest in the foreclosed properties.

Caren Piglowski presented updates on the Blight Elimination Grant projects. The project at 300 Harrison St., Prescott has been completed. Before & after photos were presented. Caren will be submitting the final documents via CAPGEMS for reimbursement this week upon receiving the final lien waiver from a vendor. The project located at 142 W. Rose City Rd., Rose City has been completed. Caren will be submitting the final documents to the State Land Bank for reimbursement this week. EGLE has hired a consulting firm, Mannik & Smith Group, to complete the underground tank removal and soil/groundwater testing. The work by Mannik & Smith Group will begin mid- June.

Discussion regarding the purchase offer from Mr. Thompson of $3000.00 for property located at 1450 E. State Rd., West Branch.

Caren Piglowski will create a sale flyer for 1450 E. State Rd., West Branch and 300 Harrison St., Prescott and post on the county website accepting purchase offers thru 06/18/2024. **Motion by Denise Simmons, Support by John Dantzer to purchase two property for sale signs with the Land Bank logo from Rich Heavlin with a cost up to $100.00. Vote – Ayes – all, motion approved.**

Caren Piglowski presented an assessment report from Saggasser & Associates for property located at 215 Washington St., Prescott. The report describes pipes and ground openings/depressions. **Motion by Caren Piglowski, support by John Dantzer to seek survey cost estimates for property located at 215 Washington St., Prescott to determine if the pipes and ground openings/depressions are on the property. Vote – Ayes – all, motion approved.** Caren Piglowski to contact Scott Bell & Jeremy Card for the survey cost estimates.

Motion to adjourn by Caren Piglowski, support by Liz Steinhurst. Vote: Ayes – all, motion approved.

Next meeting scheduled for June 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 12:03 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Caren Piglowski