Ogemaw County
Land Bank Authority
Meeting Minutes
07/12/2023

Caren Piglowski called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Present: Caren Piglowski, Scott Bell, Cindy Rosebrugh, Liz Steinhurst, Denise Simmons and David Ryan. All recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Committee meeting minutes of 04/12/2023 were reviewed. **Motion by Liz Steinhurst, support by Denise Simmons to approve the minutes. Vote: Ayes - all, motion approved.**

Caren Piglowski presented the current financial activity report. The annual Land Bank report was filed with the State by Caren Piglowski on 04/24/2023. Copies are available in the County Treasurer's office.

The Land Bank has received a cash purchase offer of $1000.00 from Greg Cook for property located in Mills Township at 2408 E. First Street, Prescott, MI.

Motion by Scott Bell, support by Denise Simmons, to accept the property purchase offer in the amount of $1000.00 with buyer to pay recording fees and transaction to be completed by September 01, 2023. Roll Call Vote – ayes by all present, motion approved. Caren Piglowski to contact attorney to have purchase agreement and deed documents created.

On March 06, 2023 letters were mailed to blighted property owners with a request to donate the property or contact the Land Bank to discuss a property purchase. Caren Piglowski was contacted by Gerald Wilczynski regarding property located in the Village of Prescott at 215 Washington Street, Prescott, MI. Mr. Wilczynski offered this property for sale to the Land Bank in the amount of $500.00. Discussion regarding the offer ensued. A decision was made by the board to take no action until research on the property could be performed. Dave Ryan will be conducting an on-site visit of the property, Denise Simmons will perform a title and lien search and Scott Bell will perform an environmental search.

Caren Piglowski updated the board members on the Blight Elimination Grant application. The grant application was approved in the amount of $200,000 for Round 2 funds. The Land Bank was also approved for Round 3 Federal Grant funds in the amount of $500,000 for a total of $700,000 in grant funding. Caren Piglowski discussed details of the two separate grants and stated more information will be available soon. There was discussion regarding the option for quiet title vs. quit claim deeds and the purchasing of title insurance for project properties. Caren Piglowski instructed to contact the attorney with a list of questions posed by the board. Caren Piglowski to contact Bryan Stein, Building Inspector and Ryan Veeder, Planning Director regarding condemned and dangerous building ordinances.

Motion by Sue Delahanty, support by Dave Ryan to accept the Round 3 Federal ARPA grant funds in the amount of $500,000.00. Roll Call Vote: ayes by all present, motion approved. Caren Piglowski to complete the risk assessment form and submit the grant acceptance letter.

Caren Piglowski presented the 2023-2024 proposed budget. **Motion by Scott Bell, support by Dave Ryan to approve the proposed budget as presented. Roll Call Vote: ayes by all present, motion approved.**

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Rosebrugh, support by Denise Simmons, Ayes – all. Motion approved

Next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Caren Piglowski