

*Ogemaw County
Land Bank Authority
Meeting Minutes
04/12/2023*

Caren Piglowski called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Present: Caren Piglowski, Scott Bell, John Dantzer, Alan Bruder, Cindy Rosebrugh, Liz Steinhurst, Denise Simmons and David Ryan. All recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Committee meeting minutes of 03/01/2023 were reviewed. Motion by Liz Steinhurst, support by Alan Bruder to approve the minutes. Ayes - all, motion approved.

Caren Piglowski presented the current financial activity report.

Discussion regarding the property donation letters mailed last month. A few responses were received from the property owners. Only one property that potentially may be donated to the LBA. The letters prompted attention to the property owners that clean up/demolition was needed.

The status of the Blight Elimination Grant was discussed. There is a grant application zoom meeting scheduled for 04/13/2023 at 2:30 pm. A new priority list of properties was discussed that may be acquired under the right of first refusal process. Agreement was made for property located in Churchill Township and Rose Township to be included as projects for the grant application. The LBA has contracted with LeeAnn Fischer to apply for round 2 grant funds. The grant application deadline is May 31, 2023. Caren Piglowski will contact Ryan Veeder, Planning/Zoning Director regarding the Churchill Township property to determine if parcel is buildable after demolition.

Caren Piglowski presented information received from MSHDA for a program titled Investing in Community Housing. The grant program is designed to provide single family home repair and facilitate new construction. The deadline to apply is 04/21/2023. The LBA does not have property available for this type of project at this time.

Caren Piglowski presented a verbal property purchase offer received from Greg Colton in the amount of \$800 for property located at 2408 E. First Street, Prescott. No action was taken on this offer.

An email was received on 03/28/2023 requesting a copy of the LBA policies and procedures. The request also included permission to include the information in an E-Book. The policies and procedures are available on the county website under public domain. No permission is needed from the LBA.

The updated Land Bank By-Laws were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Scott Bell support by John Dantzer to approve the LBA By-Laws with the updated changes as discussed. Roll call vote: Yes Votes: David Ryan, Alan Bruder, Scott Bell, John Dantzer, Liz Steinhurst, Denise Simmons, Cindy Rosebrugh, Caren Piglowski - Motion Approved.

Ogemaw County will be providing training on the Open Meetings Act and the County Standards of Conduct Policy on May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. All appointed county board members are requested to attend the meeting.

Caren Piglowski provided a copy of the Standards of Conduct Policy for the board to review prior to the training.

David Ryan informed the LBA members Mills Township may be cleaning two blighted properties in the township and adding the cost to the tax roll.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Charles Wiltse was present for the meeting. He introduced himself to the LBA members and thanked the board for the work being performed by the Land Bank.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Bell, support by Alan Bruder, Ayes – all. Motion approved

Next meeting scheduled for July 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Caren Piglowski