



**Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—April 14th, 2022
Electronic Meeting**

Members Present: Thomas Whitener, Brian Hudson, Carl Roberts, Elizabeth Schlott, Rebekah Kik, Qianna Decker

Members Absent: Holly Crump

County Liaison Present: Veronica McKissack

Staff Present: Reality Rojas, Theresa Coty O'Neil, Sidney Ellis

Community Members Present: Macy Walters, Joe Agostinelli, Benjamin Stanley

The April 14, 2022 Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Whitener at 8:35 AM at 1523 Riverview Launch Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Approval of February and March Minutes:

Roberts made the motion

Kik seconded the motion

February and March Minutes were approved unanimously

Additions: N/A

Citizen's Time: Macy Walters and Benjamin Stanley made comments.

Commission Liaison Comments: McKissack updated the board on the allocation of AARPA and a new administrator for Kalamazoo County.

Chair's Remarks: Whitener updated the board about the clean up of 20 Mills and the rebuild that will be taking place. Whitener also updated the board on sustainable funding which includes the housing millage and the county allocation. The Kalamazoo Treasurer's office will be transferring a parcel and funds for the administration of the parcel. Joe Agostinelli shared with the board the plans for the Brownfield/TIF project and the Land Bank's joint venture partnership role and the funds that will be given to the Land Bank as result of the 5/50 tax capture.

Executive Director Report: O'Neil shared with the board the clean up of 20 Mills and TIF Project. O'Neil also welcomed the new Executive Director, Sindy Ellis.

Regular Agenda

- Amendment to Policy 5/50 Waiver
 - o Kik made the motion for approval if the 5/50 Waiver include a clearly stated check list to understand the requirements for a complete application
 - o Roberts seconded the motion.
 - o The motion passed unanimously.

Real Estate Update: Hudson updated the board on the sales of properties for redevelopment and the clean up of 20 Mills.

DEI Committee Update: Roberts reminded the board about the lending library for staff and board members. Roberts also informed the board of the in-house DEI training for staff and board members tentatively planned for this summer. There are plans for the committee to revisit the DEI plan to update it as needed. At the next board meeting there are plans to have a board vote to expand the bidder list categories to include persons with disabilities, veterans, and LGBTQ+ owned businesses.

Affirmative/Vibrant: Decker updated the board about Pat Taylor's last Podcast being recorded with Community Homeworks. Decker shared updates about the Show Me the Money events.

Board Member Comments: Kik shared with the board the advancements the City of Kalamazoo are making with housing and projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM