

## **Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—May 11, 2017**

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Carl Roberts, Alberta Griffin, Terry Dorgan, Becky Fulgoni, Jerome Kisscorni

Members Absent: Heather Isch

County Liaison Present: Commissioner Scott McGraw (joined at 8:33 am)

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Tammy Lahman, Michelle Tombro Tracy, Sarah Frame

Community Members Present: Rachel Grover, Pat Crowley

The regular meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Balkema at 8:31 a.m. at 1523 Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Balkema called for a motion to approve the February 2017 meeting minutes. Fulgoni made the motion, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Additions to the Agenda

Added to the regular agenda: Farmland Preservation ordinance – presented by Pat Crowley

#### Citizens' Time

None

#### Board Chair Remarks

Chair Balkema spoke about the 2017 tax foreclosed properties; around 140 parcels foreclosed on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Just over half of those were vacant lots, and of the lots with houses on them, half of those are in very poor condition and are being added to the demolition list. Balkema added that the roof repair on the Vicksburg Mill is now complete and the building owned by the Land Bank is secure. An extension on the option for that site will be brought before the board in June, after review by the Finance and Executive Committee.

#### Executive Director Report

Clarke summarized her May 2017 Executive Director Report.

#### Consent Agenda

Lahman gave an overview of the March 2017 financial report. Balkema called for a motion to approve the March 2017 financial report. Roberts made the motion to approve, Dorgan supported. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Regular Agenda

1. First Right Property Acquisitions: 29 properties are proposed for first right acquisition by the Land Bank in order to demolish them with Hardest Hit grants funds, which has an aggressive timeline. In order to have the demolitions completed on time, the properties need to be acquired by first right. Balkema explained that blight abatement is an eligible use for this process, and they will also go before the Kalamazoo County Commission for approval at their May 16 meeting. An additional property, 619 Mabel, will be taken at first right for expedited quiet title and will be added to the resolution. One additional correction to the resolution was noted – changing the date from 2016 to 2017. Balkema called for a motion to approve the resolution (pending changes requested to amend the date and add 619 Mabel) accepting the purchase at first right of these 29 properties. Kisscorni made the motion, Dorgan supported, all were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Back Lot Recommendation – Tombro Tracy provided a summary of the three back lots proposed for disposition according to Land Bank policies. Balkema called for a motion to approve the sale of 611 Jefferson, 1712 Cameron,

and Douglas Vacant lot #06-09-130-080. Dorgan made the motion to approve, Fulgoni seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

3. Drain Commissioner Crowley presented a case for the farmland preservation ordinance that will go before the Kalamazoo County Commission. She asked for the Land Bank's support, which was drafted into a support letter, and laid out the benefits this ordinance will provide for Kalamazoo County agriculture and stormwater preservation. Clarke read the draft of the support letter. Balkema called for a motion to formalize the Land Bank's support for the farmland preservation ordinance. Kisscorni made the motion, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Closed Session

Fulgoni moved to enter into closed session to discuss a real estate matter at 9:15 a.m. Dorgan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:38 a.m. a motion was made to move out of closed session by Fulgoni. Griffin seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Adjournment

Balkema called for a motion to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. Kisscorni made the motion to adjourn. Roberts seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Dorgan, Treasurer and Secretary