



**Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority  
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes—July 16, 2020  
Electronic Zoom Meeting**

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Brian Hudson, Carl Roberts, Rebekah Kik, Terry Dorgan, Holly Crump, Qianna Decker

Members Absent: N/A

County Liaison Present: N/A

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Michelle Tombro Tracy

The July 16, 2020 Special Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Balkema at 3:01 p.m. Via Zoom. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87636931067?pwd=TFpLbCtHbi9KekhzVzlyRXRyVGgrQT09>

Chair's Remarks: Balkema welcomed new Board member Qianna Decker. Qianna introduced herself giving a brief overview of her background. All other Board members and staff then proceeded to introduce themselves and provide a brief background information.

Regular Agenda

Resolution to Endorse Executive Director Letter Regarding Housing Millage

Balkema provided a brief history of the current housing Millage which has been utilized to provide housing vouchers. She explained the new proposed millage. It will provide for a millage of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mill. This would provide 6.375 million dollars over an 8 year period.  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the funds would continue to be used for housing vouchers,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the millage would be utilized for built environment funding. These funds would be administered through the County through an application process. They could be used to provide funds for housing projects that serve the full spectrum of housing needs throughout the County.

Executive Director Kelly Clarke presented a letter she drafted to be presented to the County Board in support of the millage upon approval of the Land Bank Board. She explained that she was able to attend several meetings regarding the millage plan and felt that there is strong public support for the millage and that it will provide for equity and addressing of the full spectrum of housing needs throughout the County. The millage will be presented at the next County Board meeting for a vote to put it on the ballot.

Motion: Carl Roberts made a motion to approve  
Second: Brian Hudson seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Regarding First Right of Refusal

Balkema explained right of first refusal regarding foreclosed property. The Land Bank does not have their own right as they are not a taxing entity. In order to utilize First Right, the Land Bank would need to vote to ask the County to utilize their First Right on behalf of the Land Bank.

Executive Director Clarke presented the resolution to utilize First Right to purchase a home located at 3101 Barney. Clarke explained that there would need to be moderate investment of funds into this home before it is sold for homeownership.

Motion: Terry Dorgan made a motion to approve

Second: Brian Hudson seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Comments:

Members shared some information regarding grand children and again welcomed Decker

Move to adjourn:

Motion: Brian Hudson

Second: Terry Dorgan

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.