

**Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation  
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #88)  
August 27, 2019**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair  
David Ditzler  
Larry Moliterno  
Richard Chase  
Artie Spellman  
Gwen Bush  
Mike Pinkerton  
Rose Carter

**Board Members Absent:**

Carol Rimedio-Righetti

**Alternate Board Members in Attendance:**

none

**MCLRC Staff in Attendance:**

Debora Flora, Executive Director  
Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer  
Attorney Chris Sammarone

**Prosecutor's Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Thomas Michaels

- Meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chair at 11:41 am.
- Meeting was held at Mahoning County Land Bank Office, 20 W. Federal Street, Suite 202, Youngstown, OH.

Daniel R. Yemma called for the approval of the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

- Richard Chase made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2019 meeting.
- ✓ Mike Pinkerton seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Communication Items            None

Daniel R. Yemma called for the presentation of reports.

Debora Flora presented the Executive Director's report. Items highlighted included:

NIP update – employee update & “bonus round” update  
Ohio HB252 update - commercial demo funding  
Signature Circle & 136 Broadway information  
Ohio Land Bank Conference – Sept 2019  
Nat'l Vacant Properties Conference – Oct 2019  
YSU summer intern update  
Website – new design and demo presented by Kelli Hulea of Pecchia Communications

Mike Pinkerton arrived @ 11:53 am

Discussion followed regarding inclusion of accomplishments and performances on the new website.

- Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report as presented.
- ✓ David Ditzler seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously**

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office presented a report. Atty. Michaels distributed hard copies of the report for review. Daniel R Yemma thanked the prosecutor's office for all their work during the NIP acquisition process.

- Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Prosecutor's report as presented.
- ✓ Gwen Bush seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Finance Committee's report was presented by Richard Chase. He presented financial reports and highlighted the following:

Monthly financial statements – June & July 2019  
Investing strategies for the future  
Finance policy revision update

- David Ditzler made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented.
- ✓ Mike Pinkerton seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee            none  
Personnel Committee        none

#### Board Action

Debora Flora explained the changes to the Financial and Control Policies. Discussion followed regarding the changes and attorney input.

Larry Moliterno arrived @ 12:10 pm

- Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Revisions to Financial and Control Policies as presented.
- ✓ Rose Carter seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business                none

#### Unfinished Business

Roger Smith joined the meeting and presented a demolition update.

- Hard copies of the Demolition /Renovation report were distributed. Discussion points:
- 1,088 houses have been demolished
  - NIP demolition is complete
  - Excess house inventory = 16
  - Information on SWAT team training & canine training at vacant structures
  - Greening to be complete by 9/1/19
  - Housing renovation update

Discussion followed regarding neighborhood notification of training activities, available houses for rehab and total structure inventory.

Public Comments      none

#### Members Comments

Artie Spellman requested information on the Chill Can Factory start up. Information was shared.

Gwen Bush requested addresses of the 3 commercial properties that the land bank owns. Addresses were shared.

Rose Carter requested information on an unidentified property behind the Common Wealth Kitchen Incubator. Debora Flora will look into this for her.

Mike Pinkerton explained his tardiness was due to an accident on Route 76.

Daniel R. Yemma requested that Debora Flora share some information regarding the activities of the Ohio Land Bank Association. Debora Flora stated that the association will expand the Board of Director membership from 9 to 13 to better represent all areas of the state. Also, the Ohio Land Bank Assoc has discussed the impending legal question regarding land acquisition via Board of Revision, which the MCLRC does not use.

Discussion ensued regarding lobbyists for the land banks.

- Richard Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.
- ✓ Artie Spellman seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC.