

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #97)
April 27, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

Board Members in Attendance:

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair
Richard Chase
Gwen Bush
James Harp

Board Members Absent:

Carol Rimedio-Righetti
Rose Carter
Artie Spellman
David Ditzler
Larry Moliterno

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Anna DeAscentis
Harold Campbell

MCLRC Staff in Attendance:

Debora Flora, Executive Director
Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer
Roger Smith, Director of Planning, Acquisition and Disposition
Attorney Chris Sammarone

Prosecutor's Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Thomas Michaels

- Meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman at 11:35 am.
- Meeting was a virtual meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Daniel R. Yemma called for the approval of the Feb. 23, 2021 meeting minutes.

- Gwen Bush made a motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 23, 2021 meeting.
- ✓ Harold Campbell seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Communication Items None

Daniel R. Yemma called for nominations of officers. The current slate is:

Daniel R. Yemma	Chair
Rose Carter	Vice Chair
Vacant	Secretary
Larry Moliterno	Treasurer

Richard Chase volunteered to be secretary. No other nominations were made. Daniel R. Yemma stated that the election of officers would take place under Board Action.

Daniel R. Yemma called for the presentation of reports.

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

- “Operation Pollination” update and a special thank you to staff member Gary Davenport for coordinating this program
- Support testimony regarding Ohio House Bill 110 in support of funding of Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund
- In person testimony in Columbus regarding Ohio House Bill 155 in support of County Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program
- Letter of support in conjunction with Ohio Land Bank Association requesting \$100 million of the state's federal stimulus funds for use by Ohio's county land banks for residential and commercial property revitalization
- Partnership with local community improvement groups requesting federal stimulus funds from City of Youngstown and Mahoning County

Harold Campbell stated that recent coverage by local television is an asset for the local requests. James Harp requested additional information to assist him in writing letters or contacting his local representatives in support of HB155. Debora Flora stated that she would share her letter of support.

- James Harp made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mahoning County Prosecutor's report was presented by attorney Thomas Michaels. Current statistics were provided.

- Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Mahoning County Prosecutor's report.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- 2020 Basic Financial Statements prepared by Rea & Associates were recommended for board approval
- Maintenance contracts greater than Executive Director's signing authority were recommended for board approval
- Investment account update
- Property transfer update

- Harold Campbell made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Roger Smith presented the Renovation and Demolition report. Items highlighted included:

- Housing renovations update
- 154 Erskine Ave. rehab update

Executive Committee	none
Personnel Committee	none

Board Action

Daniel R. Yemma called for a motion to elect the slate of officers as presented earlier in the meeting.

- Richard Chase made a motion to elect the slate of officers as presented earlier in the meeting.
- ✓ Harold Campbell seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R. Yemma called for a motion to approve the 2020 Basic Financial Statements prepared by Rea & Associates as presented.

- James Harp made a motion to approve the 2020 Basic Financial Statements prepared by Rea & Associates as presented.
- ✓ Harold Campbell seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R. Yemma called for a motion to approve the 4 maintenance contracts that exceeded the Executive Director's signing authority of \$45,000.

- Harold Campbell made a motion to approve the 4 maintenance contracts that exceeded the Executive Director's signing authority of \$45,000.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R. Yemma thanked Harold Campbell and Anna DeAscentis for attending and helping the board meet quorum.

Anna DeAscentis left the meeting at 12:04 pm.

New Business

Daniel R. Yemma stated that a recommendation from the 2018/2019 Audit was creation of a Records Retention Schedule. Attorney Sammarone is working on this schedule.

Unfinished Business none

Public Comments none

Members Comments

Richard Chase asked if there were any houses for sale in the land bank's inventory. Discussion followed.

Daniel R. Yemma stated the next board meeting is scheduled for June 2021. He thanked all members for their service to the land bank.

- Richard Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm.
- ✓ Harold Campbell seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC.