

**Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation**  
**Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #122)**  
**February 25, 2025**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair  
Larry Moliterno  
Gwen Bush  
James Harp  
Artie Spellman  
Richard Chase  
Carol Rimedio-Righetti  
Pastor Rolando Rojas

**Board Members Absent:**

Geno DiFabio

**Alternate Board Members in Attendance:**

Anna DeAscentis

**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 T Michaels

- The meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman, at 11:34 am.
- Meeting was held at the Mahoning County Land Bank office, 100 E. Federal St., Suite 300, Youngstown, OH.

Daniel R Yemma called for the approval of the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes.
- ✓ Gwen Bush 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:

- Acknowledgement of The Vindy article on ODOD Brownfield applications
- ODOD Brownfield Round #2 application update
- WHO Round #1 update - status of rehabs & housing construction
- WHO Round #2 update - status of contract from ODOD
- Partnership update with YNDC & former Bernard St housing construction
- Regional Housing Study – community partners
- OLBA continues to lobby for Ohio Legislation to include current funding

Update on Ohio House Bill 375 – Gus Frangos Act – Land bank clean-up bill  
Local impact report – Mahoning County Land Bank’s contribution to local economy & use of local vendors  
OLBA annual conference will be April 23-25, 2025 in Columbus  
2025 MCLRC BOD meeting schedule distributed for review

Discussion followed regarding using Brownfield grant monies to assist with government owned structures.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Executive Director’s report.
- ✓ Pastor Rolando Rojas seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Brownfield projects update  
Demolition update  
Housing renovation update

Attorney Michaels shared the Prosecutor’s office statistics report.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Prosecutor’s report.
- ✓ Carol Rimedio-Righetti seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Larry Moliterno presented the Finance Committee’s report. Items highlighted included:

Review & recommendation of the December 2024 & January 2025 financial statements  
Cash flow update

- ✓ James Harp made a motion to accept the Finance Committee’s report.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R Yemma called for a motion to approve the December 2024 and January 2025 financial reports as presented.

- ✓ Larry Moliterno made a motion to approve the December 2024 and January 2025 financial reports as presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee	none
Personnel Committee	none
Planning Committee	none
New Business	none
Unfinished Business	none

Members Comments

Artie Spellman thanked the Executive Director, Debora Flora, for advocating for Attorney Michaels to continue to work with the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office.

Anna DeAscentis asked for an update on the Heir Property Program. Debora Flora explained that key members have met and are working on a plan to assist current Youngstown residents. This group hopes that the program will expand to provide assistance throughout the county. Discussion followed.

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

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC