

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #99)
August 24, 2021

Board Members in Attendance:

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair
Larry Moliterno
Richard Chase
Gwen Bush
James Harp
Artie Spellman
David Ditzler

Board Members Absent:

Carol Rimedio-Righetti
Rose Carter

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Anna DeAscentis (for Carol Rimedio-Righetti)

MCLRC Staff in Attendance:

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

Prosecutor's Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Thomas Michaels

- Meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman at 11:36 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 22, 2021 meeting minutes.

- David Ditzler made a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021 meeting.
- ✓ Larry Moliterno 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:

- Partnership with CityScape
- 10th Anniversary Year celebration update
- Quarterly network meeting for OLBA will be Sept 30 in Mansfield – all board members are invited to attend
- Ohio CDC Annual Conference will be in Youngstown, Oct 6-8, 2021
- Annual Ohio Land Bank Conference is scheduled for April 2022, Cleveland
- State funding for County Land Banks report

Richard Chase joined the meeting at 11:58 am.

Discussion followed regarding the state funding for residential and commercial demolition and brownfield remediation. Debora Flora is looking to partner with Mahoning County and City of Youngstown to maximize funds and eliminate blight both countywide and citywide. Strategies were discussed.

- Artie Spellman made a motion to accept the Executive Director’s report.
- ✓ Gwen Bush seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Housing renovations update

Mahoning County Prosecutor’s report was presented by Attorney Thomas Michaels. Current statistics were provided.

- James Harp made a motion to accept the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s report.
- ✓ Gwen Bush seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Anna DeAscentis left the meeting at 12:30.

The Finance Committee’s report was presented by Larry Moliterno. He reviewed the monthly financial reports and Finance Committee minutes.

- Artie Spellman made a motion to accept the Finance Committee’s report as presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee none

Personnel Committee none

Board Action none

New Business

Daniel R Yemma presented a Public Records Policy for review. The policy was created by Atty. Sammarone and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business none

Public Comments none

Members Comments

Members acknowledged that the funding from the biennial budget for demolitions is the focus at this time. Blight elimination throughout the County will attract economic development.

Artie Spellman questioned if the land bank had a role in hosting the CDC Conference. Debora Flora stated that the land bank was a sponsor and was assisting with the local tours.

Carpooling for the quarterly OLBA network meeting in Mansfield is available.

The next meeting will be October 26, 2021.

- Larry Moliterno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 pm.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC.