

**Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #102)
February 22, 2022**

Board Members in Attendance:

Larry Moliterno
James Harp
Artie Spellman
Richard Chase
Gwen Bush
David Ditzler

Board Members Absent:

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair - excused
Carol Rimedio-Righetti - excused
Rose Carter

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Anna DeAscentis (for C. Rimedio-Righetti)

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 Larry Moliterno, Board Treasurer, at 11:47 am.
- Meeting was held at Mahoning County Land Bank Office, 20 W. Federal Street, Suite 202, Youngstown, OH.

Larry Moliterno called for the approval of the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

- Artie Spellman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Communication Items None

Larry Moliterno called for the presentation of reports.

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

Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) grant applications update
Partnership with Western Reserve Port Authority for Brownfield demolition grant application
Revised budget due to grant applications
Relocation update
Ohio Land Bank Conference – April 2022 – reminder
Rescue Mission development

Discussion followed regarding the former Rescue Mission building. An informal request was made from a working group/steering committee asking the Mahoning County Land Bank to take ownership of the building until a resolution can be found for preservation of the building. General consensus from the Board of Directors is that the liability or risk of ownership is too great. The Board of Directors has reviewed the request and under the current information presented, the Board of Directors does not want ownership. Although, if demolition is needed in the future, the land bank would be willing to work with the local partners. No formal vote or action was taken.

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

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

- Demolition update
- Housing renovations update
- Database and demo tracking activities update

Larry Moliterno shared that there may be a public relations concern regarding the land bank and demolition activity. The perception may be that the land bank only tears down buildings. Emphasis should be put on the positive outcome or opportunities after blight is removed. Discussion followed.

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's report was presented by Attorney Thomas Michaels. Current statistics were provided. Attorney Michaels shared that the land bank had assisted the Rescue Mission with land acquisition for their new building.

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

Artie Spellman shared that at a recent township trustees' gathering, the County Prosecutor's office presented updates on its office activities. As always, there were favorable reviews for Attorney Tom Michaels.

The Finance Committee's report was presented by Larry Moliterno. Items highlighted included:

- Review and recommendation of the financial reports for approval.
- Review and recommendation of the 2022 Amended Budget for approval.

Debora Flora shared additional information on the 2022 Amended Budget. The Amended Budget is a direct reflection of the ODOT grant applications. Discussion followed regarding the 2022 Amended Budget.

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

Executive Committee	none
Personnel Committee	none
Planning Committee	none

Board Action

Larry Moliterno called for a motion to approve the Amended 2022 Budget as presented.

- Richard Chase made a motion to approve the Amended 2022 Budget as presented.
- ✓ David Ditzler seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business none
Unfinished Business none
Public Comments none
Members Comments none

- Richard Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.
- ✓ Artie Spellman seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC.