

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #119)
October 22, 2024

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent:

Carol Rimedio-Righetti
Larry Moliterno (excused)
Pastor Rolando Rojas

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

None

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

- The meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman, at 11:31 am.
- Meeting was held at Mahoning County Land Bank office, 100 E. Federal St., Suite 300, Youngstown, OH.

Daniel R Yemma called for the approval of the August 27, 2024 meeting minutes.

- ✓ James Harp made a motion to approve the August 27, 2024 meeting minutes.
- ✓ Richard Chase 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:

ODOD Brownfield Award:
1034 Wick Ave
ODOD Brownfield Round 2 funding update
Royal China Sebring update
"Full Circle Moments": new structures built on land bank vacant lots
YNDC - 2 duplexes on Glenwood

Flying High -- Training Center on Kensington
Business Journal – Debora Flora will now be writing a monthly column centered on community development

Discussion followed regarding support for state funding from local legislators and OLBA's support at the state level.

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

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

Royal China Sebring brownfield project update
Demolition update - commercial & residential
Housing renovation update

Discussion followed regarding city demos and occupancy of condemned houses and Royal China Sebring project budget.

Attorney Michaels presented the Prosecutor's Report. Statistics were shared. It was noted that lower foreclosure requests may indicate that there are fewer eligible properties.

Richard Chase presented the Finance Committee's report. Items highlighted included:

Review & recommendation of the August & September 2024 financial statements
Recommend two Board Action items for approval:
YNDC Contract – Welcome Home Ohio program
ODOD Contract – South High Field House

Discussion followed regarding the timing of the next audit.

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

Daniel R Yemma introduced two items for board action. Debora Flora and Attorney Sammarone shared information on the agreement with YNDC for the Welcome Home Ohio program, which includes six new construction homes and six rehab homes. Discussion followed regarding the land bank's liabilities and longstanding partnership with YNDC, and location of the new houses that is another "Full Circle Moment".

Daniel R Yemma called for a motion to approve the Welcome Home Ohio contract with YNDC as presented.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to approve the Welcome Home Ohio contract with YNDC as presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R Yemma called for a motion to approve the ODOD Brownfield Remediation Program Grant Agreement contract for the South High Field House. Debora Flora shared information on this project.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to approve the ODOD Brownfield Remediation Program Grant Agreement contract for the South High Field House.
- ✓ David Ditzler seconded the motion.

✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC