

CLERMONT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION.
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2023

The Clermont County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank) Members convened on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Session Room, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio. Members present were Jeannie Zurmehly, Bonnie Batchler, David Painter, Michael Doss, and Jeff Baumgarth. Also present were Desmond Maaytah, Michael McNamara, and Kennedy Briggs Department of Community and Economic Development; Michael Weinstein, Patriot Engineering; Pat Woodside Frost Brown Todd; Tom Eigel, Clermont County Administration; Brad Moore, Franklin Twp Fire Department; Terry Wilson; Franklin Township Trustees.

Ms. Zurmehly asked for a roll call, and a quorum was present. Ms. Zurmehly called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2022, Board Meeting. Ms. Batchler moved to approve the 11/30/2022 minutes. Mr. Baumgarth seconded, and the motion carried with Mr. Painter and Mr. Doss abstaining.

Ms. Zurmehly called on Ms. Briggs to introduce the next section. Ms. Briggs explained to the Board that they must sign a 2023 Comprehensive Ethics Policy, as she provided a sheet for them to fill out. Ms. Zurmehly explained that she wanted to review the ethics policy before signing it and would return the signed policy at a later date. Ms. Briggs introduced the first New Business item. Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing the advancement and reimbursement of travel expenses. Ms. Briggs gave an overview of the expected costs for the travel. Ms. Briggs explained that Mr. Maaytah and herself plan on attending the Ohio Land Bank Conference in Dayton, Ohio, and the Ohio Brownfield Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Painter moved to approve the Resolution. Ms. Batchler seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maaytah introduced the next New Business item, the Ohio Department of Development Demolition Grant Program update. Mr. Maaytah explained that the Land Bank had received many responses from local demolition contractors. The bids are coming in lower than expected, so money may be left over. Mr. Maaytah explained that he asked the Ohio Department of Development if the Land Bank could add more Demolition projects to utilize the excess money. He received a response from the State stating that they were not allowing any additions at the time. Mr. Maaytah presented the seven RFPs to the Board, and the five Contractors were awarded a Demolition Contract. Mr. Maaytah shared with the Board a GIS Mapping tool showing each demolition's progress. Mr. Maaytah also told the Board that the State had given an extension for when the Demolitions must be completed. Mr. Painter asked if there had been any change orders so far; Mr. Weinstein explained that the Landbank had received two change orders due to unexpected costs. Mr. Painter asked what happens to the properties once demolition is done. Mr. Maaytah explained that due to the short deadline for the demolition grant, the Land Bank needed more time to acquire and demo Land Bank-owned property, so all properties that receive demolitions would stay with the owners. Ms. Briggs then gave the Board an update on how much reimbursement the Land Bank has received from the State for the demolition program.

Mr. Maaytah introduced the next topic, MRDD Property update. Mr. Maaytah explained to the Board that the Landbank successfully transferred the MRDD property to Good Will and acquired a separate parcel previously owned by MRDD. Mr. Maaytah explained that the property now owned by the Land Bank is industrially zoned and could be a great first property sale for the Land Bank.

Ms. Briggs introduced the next item, the potential projects discussion, in which she asked Mr. Weinstein to discuss the Abandon Gas Station Program. Mr. Weinstein gave the Board a quick overview of what the program is. Mr. Weinstein mentioned a property on Goshen, off of Old SR 28. Mr. Weinstein explained that he had discussed this program with the property owner and expressed interest in the Land Bank sponsoring the grant application to rectify the property. Mr. Weinstein told the Board he would be happy to get all relevant information to the Board regarding this property if they would be interested in assisting the owner in this grant program.

Ms. Briggs explained to the Board that she and Mr. Maaytah are working on a formal application process and acquisition and disposition policies for the Land Bank.

Mr. Maaytah introduced Brad Moore, Fire Chief in Franklin Township. Mr. Moore thanked the Board for helping clean up the blight in the Franklin township community. Mr. Moore presented photos to the Board of a few properties the township wants to clean up, including a mobile home property currently in litigation. Mr. Moore explained to the board that they are condemning properties and declaring them public nuisances to help the cleanup process move forward. Mr. Moore explained that the trustees appreciate the help the land bank has provided so far and hope to get even more assistance in the future once more funding comes.

With no further business before the Board, Ms. Briggs asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Painter moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Baumgarth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

ATTEST:


Kennedy Briggs, Secretary

Date: 7-12-2023

Motion to Approve:

Ms. Batchler

Seconded By:

Mr. Baumgarth