

Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025

**Donald Hanson Board of Commissioners Room,
Van Buren County Administration Building,
219 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw MI 49079**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** - Chair Kate Hosier called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Kate Hosier, Cynthia Compton, Katie Strohauer, Zach Morris, Lisa Phillips, Gail Patterson-Gladney, John Young, and Bryan Myrkle. **Absent:** Dr. Patrick Creagan. Also in attendance included Lisa Ransler, BRA Staff, David Stegink, and Doug Koops, EGLE.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The prepared agenda was presented and approved by a vote of 8-0 on the motion of Patterson-Gladney, supported by Morris.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The June 6, 2024, minutes were presented and approved by a vote of 8-0 on the motion of Patterson-Gladney, supported by Compton.
4. **Public Comment:** **Doug** Koops, EGLE was present to update the Board. \$13 million dollars in grants and loans were distributed last year for clean-up and redevelopment. Grants this year are being capped at \$1 million.
5. **Financial Report:** The Finance Report was presented and received by a vote of 8-0 on the motion of Morris, supported by Young.
6. **Other Correspondence** – None.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **2025 Regular Meeting Schedule & Initial 2026 Meeting:** Motion by Young, supported by Compton to establish the 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule and the initial 2026 meeting date. All in favor, motion carried 8-0.
8. **Ongoing Business/Reports**
 - a. **EPA Grant Application Update:** Stegink provided an update on the status of the grant application, he anticipates we should know the results in April or May.
 - b. **Land Bank Authority Report:** Morris reported on the latest activities of the Land Bank Authority which included continued work on 5 W Main in Hartford and the Bergen Building in Decatur.

- c. Economic Development Corp Report:** Morris provided information on economic development trends and initiatives.

9. General Member Comments and Discussion

- a.** Compton reported that the Beaches Golf Course has signed a contract with Fishbeck to assist with a community sewer and water project.
- b.** Myrkle reported that the Village of Paw Paw was working with a developer to bring housing to the Hazen Street area, and the BRA would be seeing an application for Housing TIF, soon.

- 10. Adjournment: Motion** by Patterson-Gladney, with support from Young, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Lisa Ransler, Secretary-Treasurer

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