



VAN BUREN COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

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1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Chairperson Nesbitt. Roll call was taken with Compton, DeYoung, Morris, Nesbitt, and Newton present. 1 visitor was also in attendance.
 2. DeYoung moved, Newton seconded, CARRIED, to approve Minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting as presented.
 3. Adoption of Article of Incorporation; Bylaws; Priorities, Policies, and Procedures; and Mission Statement
 - a. Nesbitt provided an update that a change was made to the Secretary role to remove bookkeeping duties and retain those with the County Treasurer's Office.
 - b. Policies-language was proposed for Side Lot Disposition Program.
 - c. Mission Statement-Economic development reference was added and the proposed Mission Statement was read.
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the affordable housing component and the proper way to incorporate that element.
 - ii. Compton read a letter regarding the benefit of Land Bank Authority and interaction with Brownfield Authority.
 - d. Compton moved, Morris seconded, CARRIED, for the first reading of Articles of Incorporation; Bylaws; Priorities, Policies, and Procedures; and Mission Statement. All were in favor. Second reading and adoption of the documents to take place during the next scheduled meeting.
 4. A discussion was held on a 65-acre property in South Haven behind LMC.
 5. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairperson-Nesbitt shall serve as Chairperson of Land Bank Authority as the Van Buren County Treasurer per statute.
 - b. Nesbitt moved, Compton seconded, CARRIED, to appoint DeYoung as Vice-Chairperson. All were in favor. DeYoung accepted the nomination.
 - c. Nesbitt moved, Morris seconded, CARRIED, to appoint Newton as Secretary. All were in favor. Newton accepted the nomination.
 6. Review of All Property Owned By the Foreclosing Governmental Unit
 - a. Lot 6637, Keeler Township
 - i. A discussion was held concerning adjacent owners.
 - b. Lot 6659, Village of Lawton
 - i. Contact with adjacent property owners recommended.
 - c. Lot 6667, Bangor
 - i. Letters have been sent to adjacent property owners.
 - d. Lot 6668, Bangor
 - i. Additional research to be completed. Possible offer.

7. Nesbitt provided an update on the foreclosure process. Default information should be ready and presented at the April meeting with options for those properties being reviewed and discussed.
8. No public comment was given.
9. Newton moved, DeYoung seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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