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Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026 – 2:00 pm Board of Commissioner’s Room - 219 E. Paw Paw St., Paw Paw, MI 49079

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Chairperson Nesbitt. Roll Call was taken with Morris, Glomski, DeYoung and Nesbitt present. Hackenberg was absent. Also, in attendance included Lisa Ransler.

- 1. Agenda Approval:** Nesbitt moved, with support from DeYoung, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Election of Officers:** Discussion was held regarding officer appointments for 2026. Per state statute, Nesbitt continues to serve as Chair. DeYoung agreed to continue serving as Vice Chair, and Hackenberg will continue serving as Secretary in his absence.

Nesbitt, supported by Morris, made a motion to elect Trisha Nesbitt as Chairperson, Paul DeYoung as Vice Chair and Todd Hackenberg as Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

- 3. Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule:** The proposed 2026 meeting schedule was reviewed. Meetings will generally be held on the third Wednesday of each month, with February adjusted to the second Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict.

Nesbitt, supported by DeYoung, made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting schedule as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

- 4. Meeting Minute Approval:** Morris moved, with support from Glomski, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Approval of Invoices:** Two invoices related to the Bergen Building project were presented for consideration:

Abonmarche for the Bergen building contract in the amount of \$20,100, and Quality Environmental Services for demolition and abatement work at Bergen in the amount of \$207,000

Nesbitt reported that prevailing wage interviews and certified payroll reviews were completed and

that Quality Environmental Services performed well and remained compliant with grant requirements.

Nesbitt, supported by Glomski, made a motion to approve the invoices for Abonmarche and Quality Environmental Services as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Grant Updates – Round Three:

- a. Waverly: An update was provided regarding reimbursement requests for the Waverly project. The State Land Bank requested additional documentation from a subcontractor, which is pending. No other issues were reported.
- b. 5 West Main: Updates were provided regarding the 5 West Main project. Meetings were held with the Barton Group and WLP to review staircase design options. The enclosed staircase option, which will be constructed along the east side of the building was selected in order to improve aesthetics and access.

Because the staircase will impact the adjacent 1 West Main property, staff requested approval to proceed with combining the two parcels. The State Land Bank confirmed that this approach is allowable under grant requirements.

DeYoung, supported by Morris, made a motion to approve proceeding with the property combination for Five West Main and One West Main. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Grant Updates – Round Four:

- a. An update was provided on Round Four construction bids. Due to severe winter weather, the Jan 19th bid deadline was extended to Jan 21. Bids were received in several categories, though some areas such as structural engineering, drywall, flooring, and elevators did not receive bids. The State Land Bank confirmed that Carbon 6 may work with preferred subcontractors to negotiate work in these categories in compliance with procurement rules.

Discussion was held regarding incomplete bids and next steps. No formal action was required at this time.

8. Public Comment: None.

- 9. **Adjournment:** Nesbitt made a motion, with support from Glomski to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Ransler
Recording Secretary, Van Buren County Land Bank Authority