



CCLBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

3:00 Thursday, April 27, 2023

Calhoun County Building – Marshall
Garden Level Conference Room (in-person)
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Lynn Ward Gray called the meeting of the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Board to order at 3:06pm.

Roll Call: Lynn Ward Gray, John Hart, Lenn Reid, and Derek King in attendance. Jack Reed arrived late, noted below. Brian Wensauer was excused.

Staff: Krista Trout-Edwards, Executive Director and Angela Whitesell, Office & Program Coordinator

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Reed arrived at 3:07pm

3. Citizen Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Derek King moved to approve the agenda. John Hart seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of Land Bank Minutes – March 1, 2023

Jack Reed moved to approve the consent agenda including the meeting minutes of March 1, 2023. Lenn Reid seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Executive Director's Report

- a. 2023 Property Sales – as submitted.
- b. 2023 Property Listings, Rehabilitations & Reviewed Sites – as submitted
- c. Grant Update
 - i. EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant
 - ii. Washington Heights Neighborhood (WHN) Grant – as submitted
 - iii. State Land Bank Blight Elimination Round 1 – as submitted
- d. Budget Report – as submitted.
- e. Communications – as submitted.

Ms. Trout-Edwards noted that Grant Support Technician, Sakinah Finnie was on the cover of the Battle Creek Shopper news with other volunteers at last week's Habitat For Humanity Rock the Block Event. The Land Bank was a primary partner on this year's event which had record volunteer participation.

f. Informational Items:

i. Neighborhood Mow & Maintenance

Ms. Trout-Edwards shared that four groups are participating this year, three of which are prior participants.

ii. Legislative updates

Ms. Trout-Edwards shared highlighted that there have been two bills introduced at the national level, The Neighborhood Revitalization and Land Banking Act of 2023 and the National Land Bank Network Act.

7. New Business

- a. Accept and Approve Resolution of Engagement for the State Land Bank Authority's RFP 2023-002 – Blight Elimination Round 2.

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the aforementioned resolution as written, Mr. King seconded. A roll call vote was taken. In Favor: Gray, Hart, King, Reed, Reid. Opposed: none.
RES 2023-02

8. Accept Report of Accounts Payable January - March 2023

Mr. Reed made a motion to accept the Report of Accounts Payable, Ms. Reid seconded. A roll call vote was taken. In Favor: Gray, Hart, King, Reed, Reid. Opposed: none.

9. Citizen Comment

None.

10. Board Member Comments & Announcements

Mr. Reed appreciated the Shopper coverage of Habitat for Humanity and the Land Bank during the Rock the Block event.

Ms. Gray concurred.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Reed made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Reid seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **June 22, 2023, at 3:00pm** and will be held in person in the Garden Level Conference Room at the Calhoun County Building, a virtual component will be available at calhounlandbank.org.