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### **Brownfield Meeting**

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#### **Members**

Jerry Wolf, Jim Clark, Dwight McIntyre, Denny Weiss, Jane Tennant, Gabriel (MASC), Flora (MASC), Liz Steinhurst, Lance (Mills Twp Supervisor), Alan Bruder (First Bank), Sue Delehanty, and Jim Linton.

#### **Attendees**

Jerry Wolf, Jim Clark, Denny Weiss, Liz Steinhurst, Lance (Mills Township), Dwight McIntyre, Flora (SOM), and Jim Linton.

#### **Brownfield**

3:00pm Jerry Wolf called the Meeting to order.

The Bylaws for Brownfield are passed out by Jerry.

Jim sends out letters on the changes for the Brownfield act. The governor signed them the last week of December 2007. It is a copy of the presentation given by Jim. Key items, such as Act 381, changes on the definitions, it expanded the definition of blighted and the extent of assistance. Eligible property now includes property purchased by a Land Bank authority as long as it is used for economic development. The money could come up front through a proposal, a position to own some property but you need another piece of property to add a parcel and the tax revenue would increase or purchase price. Another way is by a bond issue based on the revenue potential from land bank properties. Land bank does have that authority outside of the commissioners.

What comes first the DDA or the Land Bank? The land bank gets the revenue for the first five years regardless.

References Summary of 2007 Amendment for Brownfield Financing.

On behalf of Sue Delhanty, Liz mentions about the Grant funds that enhance water funds and economic benefits for the communities.

Announcements for Grants will be coming out in March of 2008 according to Flora.

Brownfield ends at 3:28pm.

**Next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

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## **Land Bank Fast Track**

Dwight begins Land Bank meeting announcing the changes that will be made, such as terms of office, what to do when the terms expire, and once it is approved, Dwight will have to take back to the Ogemaw County Commissioners to get approved.

Dwight discusses that we are a “public corporation”. The bylaws are reviewed and Dwight asks for any questions. Lance mentions that anytime we have to we can go back into the bylaws and change them. Conflict of interest is discussed and that a form would be created to be signed to make aware of the conflict of interest, such as the conflict of interest as West Branch Township.

Lance makes a motion to approve it and Jerry Wolf seconds it. All in favor and no one opposes.

Liz mentions priority use of properties. Dwight states that you can pick and choose which priority you use; they don't have to be in that specific order. Jim Lenton says we can number the priorities towards numbers he believes.

Denny states that it should not be a priority but a policy.

Flora proposed a drafted mission statement towards the goals and objectives of the Michigan Land Bank. Models could be such as those of Grand Traverse County.

Flora suggested what is the purpose of the Michigan Land Bank in Ogemaw County, one sentence, that is very simple to what we want to do. Lance states that he does not want to involve too many because he wants the Land Bank to stay as an authority. Denny states that we should never consider losing the authority but we still need to hear how others feel.

Mission Statement needs to be created.

The Ogemaw County Land Bank Fast Track Authority seeks to support the quality of life and economic development throughout Ogemaw County.

Goals: Promote economic development.

Objective: Seek the input of the affected community(ies).

Goals: Address the problems created by the blighted, obsolete and contaminated sites throughout the county.

Objective: 1: Create/obtain resources necessary to address problems associated with these sites.

2: Undertake a County-wide education/information program.

3: Establish clear point-of-contact for assistance.

Dwight states that our homework is to look over the policies and priorities..

Dwight adjourns the meeting at 4:00pm. Jerry seconds it.

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