

*Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2008*

### ***Brownfield Minutes***

#### **Members**

Jerry Wolf, Jim Clark, Dwight McIntyre, Denny Weiss, Jane Tennant, Gabriel, Flo McCormack, Liz Steinhurst, Lance Vervoort, Alan Bruder, Sue Delahanty, Kathy Adair, and Jim Linton.

#### **Brownfield Attendees**

Sue Delahanty, Flo McCormack, Jerry Wolf, Denny Weiss, Kathy Adair, Jane Tennant, Liz Steinhurst, Lance Vervoort, Jim Clark, Alan Bruder, and Dwight McIntyre.

Jerry calls the meeting to order at 10:37 am.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Sue, Denny seconds, and all in favor.

Sue Delahanty will discuss the introduction of Kathy Adair to Brownfield to the Board of Commissioners this Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Flo discusses the applying of the EPA Assessment Grant to the board and encourages it. Flo had suggested to the board in the past that a letter of appeal be submitted to Washington and it had been. Dwight had received a letter regarding the grant. If you have specific letters of support, they will be taken into consideration, such as true community support for Brownfield initiative that are applying and we have the opportunity to create coalition and she strongly suggests that we create a coalition, such as the county as a lead which would be the awardee for the townships, cities, or villages. You can build your coalition in any creative way you want and it would help a lot.

Jerry reviews the letter received from Washington on the EPA grant and acknowledges to all that it was denied and they will not consider our appeal.

Flo states that there is an online workshop coming up that is free and all can register for. It can be found at *EPA Region 5* websites. If you are interested and can not locate the website, you can contact Flo for assistance.

Flo discusses a second resource available to Ogemaw County is to send Kansas State University a grant proposal to see if they would approve it. Kansas does not have the same laws as Michigan but don't allow them come in and do technical assistance, only to approve the grant. We need to contact Kansas State University and ask them what is the timeline and when would they like to see a draft proposal. [www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/](http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/).

Sue asks Flo if we can take what we have as a proposal and revise it and Flo states yes, that would be fine and Flo asks Dwight if we have any lands that would need assessment services. Dwight does not know any parcels that would need assessment services.

Sue would like to know if the building and zoning is aware of the changes going on in the old bicycle factory and Dwight will discuss that with Al Derocher.

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Flo says that we need to show that the needs are there. Liz suggests Little Red's Gas Station, is a property that would be considered. Sue says that there is some contamination right by the side walk, where it has migrated to the curb. Sue had spoken with the land owner of Little Red's, Barbier, in May and the owner was interested in selling it. Little Red's was grandfathered in as a drive-in liquor license. Liz would like to know if we can buy the land as a receivable and not pay him cash and Flo states, yes you can, similar to a land contract. Dwight will contact Barbier to see if he is interested. Flo states that we can make a decision to just apply for the petroleum grant and then next year supply for the hazardous substance. Dwight asks, if we get the deed for the property, how expensive do you believe the insurance would be? Lance states that probably only fire insurance. Flo states that it makes sense for the Land Bank to be a coalition partner for the Brownfield Authority.

Jerry asks Dwight if Gold Star is back on the tax roll and it is not. Sue states that West Branch township was looking at a piece of land in that area. Jerry states that Hill Township has a need for a dumping site from the Oscoda air force base and that might be an area that is in need. Jerry currently does not know who owns it but Carol Gilman might be a person of interest on future parcels. Flo states that you might not receive federal money to clean up a federal mess.

Jerry states that the Road Commissions salt barn on Cook Road might be a parcel of interest regarding contamination. Liz asks if we can use federal money to clean up county mess and Flo states, yes you can. Just as long as there is some reason to believe that a piece of land is contaminated then you can request the assessment dollars.

Jerry asks if the board needs to go to the board of commissioners for approval. Flo states that the land bank and Brownfield do not need the county board of commissioners' approval but if Ogemaw County is applying, then yes, you would need the board of commissioners' approval.

Jerry motions to carry through the fourth application, for the EPA, Jane seconds and all in favor.

Jim Clark states that the deep well injections are well regulated at the State level. There are various types of wells out there, such as storage wells, disposal wells, injection wells, that are all regulated and permitted by the DEQ. To get a classification to receive hazardous waste, you would have to get an EPA permit and it would have to be regulated.

The next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at West Branch Township Hall.

Jerry makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Dwight seconds, and all in favor.

### **Topics to review**

- Potential Sites
- The Need
- Figure out what our coalition will look like, such as The City of West Branch and West Branch Township. No contracts are needed just an official letter stating that the local entity is in agreement to the coalition. *A new coalition for each grant.*