

OCEANA COUNTY
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
100 STATE STREET, HART, MI 49420

** MINUTES **

Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Present: Mr. Denny Powers, Ms. Lynne Cavazos, Ms. Tracy Blamer, Ms. Sara Bizon, Mr. Norman Dodds, Ms. Mary Lou Phillips, Ms. Anne Pawli, Mr. Ron Maynard

Absent: Mr. Larry Byl

Others Present: Andrea Ryswick

Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Bizon called the meeting of the Oceana County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board to order at 10:05 am in the Oceana County Boardroom.

General Business

Meeting Minutes for July presented by Ms. Blamer. Motion to Approve minutes by Ms. Phillips seconded by Ms. Pawli
Voice vote: motion carried

Motion to approve Agenda as stands made by Ms. Cavazos seconded by Ms. Phillips
Voice vote: Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Agenda Items:

Ron gives review on EPA grant next steps. We are in the third step of the grant approval process, (work plan). Some information was needed through a portal and we are awaiting information on whether our secured documents were received. This is left with the County Administrator who is on vacation. Mary Lou will jump in and see what can be done in the Administrators absence.

Ms. Bizon opened discussion on the draft RFP, dates will need to be updated and the RFP has been reviewed. The Brownfield Authority will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the county commissioners. Targeting RFP to go out Sept 24th, 2022 for release of the RFP to potential contractors.

Ron Maynard gave the report on Brownfield Authority Convention trip 16th to 19th of August. Ron was able to make some new contacts such as the NEC local contact who he will be following up in a meeting this week. The feedback and training on the Brownfield Authority is that the townships, counties, and village meetings need to be attended as public outreach

is a major priority. Ron will continue to reach out to the local BRA representatives he met in order to learn more about how other communities were able to be successful in community outreach. Resources such as EPA Acres were collected along with several other sites.

Ron Introduces Andrea Ryswick from EGLE, she is the main contact for us at the state level and is located in Grand Rapids. As a Brownfield coordinator her job is to get out and educate communities about Brownfield projects. Talking through grants, loans, assessments, etc. is a coordinators specific responsibility. Andrea has some handouts that she will deliver via email for committee members used for local government meetings. Andrea would also like to be part of our projects that will be brought in so she can assist. EGLE is typically funded through refined sales tax and there is nothing in statutes. 2022 EGLE received 15 million in funding and are on track to spend the full amount. The monies are spread out throughout the state and is on a first come first serve basis.

Open Comments:

Ms. Blamer would like to see a strategic plan put together for 2023 and is willing to partner with Ron to bring this plan to the board.

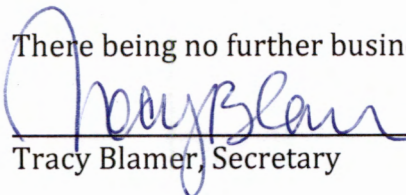
On September 27th the Right Place is hosting a developer day in Kent County and Ron will be attending.

Ron Maynard will post agenda and meeting times on the county website.

The next planned meeting, following the notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act will be held on October 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room.

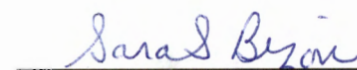
Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



Tracy Blamer, Secretary

10-11-22
Date



Sara Bizon, Chairperson

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