



MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 14, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Denny Powers, Lynne Cavazos, Tracy Blamer, Anne Pawli, Larry Byl, Norman Dodds, Mary Lou Phillips, Curtis Burdette **Absent:** Sara Bizon

GUESTS: Andrea Ryswick, Dave Leonard, Jake Whelpley, Vaughn White, David Stegink

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tracy Blamer, at 10:01 a.m. in the County Board Room.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion to approve Agenda as stands made by L. Cavazos seconded by L. Byl. Motion carried by voice vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Blamer advised the Board it should skip approval of minutes for the January 10, 2023 meeting, since former chair Bizon is not available for signing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dave Leonard supervisor for Colfax Township discussed the request for assistance submitted by the township.
- Jake Whelpley, Golden Twp planning commissioner discussed the townships request for assistance possibly rehabbing a downtown village building.
- Vaughn White, from Valley City Metals, was present to answer questions the Board might have about their application.
- Andrea Ryswick, Brownfield Coordinator for DEGLE

AGENDA

- **Community Outreach Subcommittee Report** - L. Cavazos and C. Burdette reported on the January Lunch and Learn meeting with members of MTA, etc. The consensus was that the presentation was very helpful since few attending understood Brownfields. The next outreach event is Thursday, Feb. 23 with community service clubs, etc.
- **Site Visits** - C. Burdette reported on his visits to Valley City Metals, Colfax Township Hall (the original building is still there and in great shape) and Golden Township/Mears (requested funding for a functionally obsolete building)

- **Application for services** - Valley City Metals requested the Board waive the \$2,500 application fee, considering the suggested use of the building. The village manager and township supervisor are both on board with the project, which hinges in part on what the environmental survey reveals.

L. Byl moved OCBRA accept Valley City Metals application and waive the \$2,500 application fee. Supported by Denny Powers. Motion approved unanimously via voice vote. The application will be submitted to county commissioners for approval.

C. Burdette moved, L. Byl supported the motion to open discussion on Colfax Township's request.

Dave Leonard wondered whether this project - either relocating or preserving the building - meets criteria. There are concerns for long-term maintenance, parking, and outdoor recreation areas on site. After discussion, Mr. Leonard agreed to pause the request for now, while more information is gathered.

- **Fishbeck Work Orders #1, 2 and 3**
 - Chair Blamer reported on the work orders. The first is to develop the QAPP required in the initial grant.

Moved by M. Phillips, seconded by L. Cavazos, to approve a \$3,000 expenditure for the QAPP development. Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- The second work order enables the Board to conduct community outreach activities.

Moved by M. Phillips, seconded by L. Cavazos, to approve \$1,500 for community outreach. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- The third work order designates \$6,000 for OCBRA to perform our Scope of Services and support for administrative work to meet the grant management requirements (quarterly reports, etc.) for three years.

C. Burdette moved, L. Cavazos seconded, the motion to designate the \$6,000 expenditure over three years to meet the requirements of the third work order. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

- **Fishbeck Work Order #4: Valley City Metals initial application.** This inaugural project for OCBRA will enable the Board to show forward progress, an important requirement of our grant.

Moved by D. Powers, seconded by C. Burdette, to approve the Valley City Metals application and forward our recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners. Approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with N. Dodds recusing himself from voting.

BOARD COMMENTS: none

NEXT MEETING: following the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the next meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room.

*T. Blamer moved the Board reschedule its April meeting to the 13th of the month.
Seconded by A. Pawli.*

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

M Anne Pawli
Anne Pawli, Secretary

Tracy Blamer
Tracy Blamer, Chair

March 22, 2023
Date

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