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100 S. STATE STREET HART, MI 49420

MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 14, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Lynne Cavazos, Chair; Curtis Burdette, Vice-Chair; Denny Powers, Anne Pawli, Norman Dodds, Tom Osborn **Absent:** Larry Byl, Mary Lou Phillips

GUESTS: Gina Loera, Dogwood Community Development; Vaughn White, Valley City Metals; Dave Stegink, Fishbeck; Ed VanderVries, Oceana County Equalization Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Lynne Cavazos, 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 Tom Osborn, seconded by Norman Dodds. Motion carried by voice vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Moved by N. Dodds, seconded by T. Osborn to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA

- **OCBRA current expenses and total grant amount** - M.L Phillips' Treasurer's report was reviewed by C. Burdette. Ed VanderVries (county equalization director) was present and explained the process of capturing millage rates from taxes.
- **OCBRA membership** - L. Cavazos introduced Gina Loera, who will be on the next agenda for approval by the county board. Loera serves on the Oceana County Planning Commission, is a local realtor and investor and works for Dogwood Community Development.
- **Developer Day** - C. Burdette asks for feedback and ideas for next year's event.
- **Valley City Metals update** - Dave Stegink said focus now is on getting rid of leavings from the old foundry and contractors are searching for homes for the material. They are waiting for EGLE to share their concerns for testing of the proposed ball field.

- **City of Hart / Hart TIFA / CERES) project** - The initial investigations were approved and Phase One and Two work is going on. Field work is completed, according to D. Stegink, and they expect to see lab results coming in over the next two weeks; then the city can look at funding opportunities for the site. L Cavazos asked if any public meeting has been scheduled for input on the facility.

BOARD COMMENTS: Burdette will ask for updates to the website in terms of board members, municipal supporters and minutes. He thinks more communities will sign on as they see other projects developing in the area. Cavazos spoke about the contamination of the old village hall and its likelihood of qualifying as a brownfield site should the village decide to take advantage of the funding. Questions were asked about progress at Fiesta Grande and Great Lakes Freeze Pack which purchased Silver Mills, on Griswold in Hart.

NEXT MEETING: following the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room.

JOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. following a motion by D. Powers, second by Dodds and a voice vote.


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