

100 S. STATE STREET HART, MI 49420

## MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS July 9, 2024

Powers, Norman Dodds, Gina Loera, Tom Osborne

Pawli, Mary Lou Phillips

Absent: Larry Byl, Anne
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GUESTS: Vaughn White, Kirk Perschbacher

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Lynne Cavazos, at 10 a.m. in the County Board Room.

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:** Motion to amend Agenda to approve invoices as made by T. Osborne, seconded by G. Loera. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve Agenda as stands made by T. Osborne, seconded by G. Loera. Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by G. Loera, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None** 

## **AGENDA**

**Budget Update** - C. Burdette reported OCBRA started with a \$300,000 reimbursable grant and \$10,000 from the county board. C. Burdette expressed that OCBRA was unlikely to meet the 70% spending threshold, but preparing to apply in case we do meet the threshold. There are grants on a competitive "per project" basis from EGLE that are available for communities that do not have EPA grant funds.

Approval of Invoices - Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 438015 for \$3,299.25. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 438017 for \$270.00. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 438012 for \$1,693.00. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 438008 for \$246.00. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 438010 for \$4,548.40. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 439183 for \$217.00. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 439181 for \$705.00. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 439180 for \$11,823.90. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck invoice 439182 for \$1,587.35. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

**SPI Rothbury Development** - K. Perschbacher said the Phase One Assessment is not fully completed. Work continues to complete testing around the site of the farm dump.

Valley City Metals Update - V. White and K. Perschbacher reported the company is continuing to pursue several avenues of grant funding, including an EPA Community Change grant and EGLE Environmental Justice grant for the community center, and a grant from The Right Place for the industrial side of the complex.

**City of Hart TIFA - Nothing new to report.** 

Walkerville - 110 W Main St. Project - Phase One of the assessment grant is wrapped up, and soil and groundwater sampling will occur next week. Investigation via ground penetrating radar did reveal another underground tank under the canopy. When the data comes, more will be known about what needs to be done.

Walkerville - 330 E Main St. Project - A second Walkerville project - the KwikMart prepared an application that was submitted to Authority members after the meeting. The Board discussed approving the project pending the official submission of the application. David Stegink of Fishbeck explained that this work order would be eligible for funding and would help identify eligibility of additional projects for grant funds based on determination of liability.

Moved by L. Cavazos, seconded by T. Osborn, to approve Fishbeck Work Order #9 for \$8,000.00 following the submission of the application. Roll Call Vote: Burdette, yes; Cavazos, yes; Dodds, yes; Loera, yes; Osborne, yes; Powers, yes.

Budget and long-term financial outlook - C. Burdette is talking to EPA and Fishbeck to determine if OCBRA would qualify to apply for another EPA grant this year. It looks like we'll just miss the 70% expenditure by Oct. 1, so we'll likely have to wait until 2025 to apply.

## **BOARD COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Following the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Moved by D. Powers, seconded by T. Osborn.

Anne Pawli, Secretary