

Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes Courthouse Annex Conference room

02/13/2025

Meeting was called to order by: at 1:00 PM

In attendance:

- ☒ Vince Witherup-Residential Representative
- ☐ Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- ☒ Samuel Breene-Commissioner
- ☐ Ken Bryan-Commissioner
- ☒ Diona Brick-Fiscal
- ☒ Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- ☒ Robert Walter-Assessment
- ☐ Mary Swisher-Assessment
- ☒ William Moon Jr- Chair
- ☒ Warren Thomas-Residential Representative
- ☒ Josh Sterling- VCRPC
- ☐ Amanda Power-City of Franklin
- ☐ Alex Shreffler

Motion was made by to accept the 01/9/2025 minutes by Warren and 2nd by Vince; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests:

Treasurer's Report

Diona Brick stated there is currently \$72,488.71 in the Register & Recorder's demo fund, however \$39,473.00 has already been encumbered to cover demo cost of two properties in Oil City and one property in Franklin; leaving \$33,015.71 in the account.

A motion was made by Warren Thomas to accept the Treasurer's report 2nd by Julie Thompson; all in favor.

Public Comment:

Old Business

Julie Thompson stated that she received a resignation letter from Barrie Brancato's as a board member of the Land Bank. That leaves two empty seats on the board.

A motion was made by Sam Breene to accept her resignation 2nd by Vincent Witherup; all in favor.

William Moon, Jr stated if anyone is interested in filling these positions to send a letter of interest to Julie Thompson. He will also talk to the COG about the vacancies.

Planning-Grant updates:

Josh Sterling stated that the County was granted a \$750,000 HOME grant. The goal is to complete 8-10 whole-home rehabilitation projects in Oil City and Franklin.

Josh stated that the application for the PHARE grant is under review by PHFA and is anticipated award date is the summer of 2025.

Interest in Judicial Sale properties:

Julie Thompson stated that the Municipalities are being served the 2025 Judicial Sale list. She stated she has not received anything official from any municipalities stating any properties they may be interested in having the Land Bank obtain for them. Julie stated she needs these requests by the April meeting.

Demolition Update

The demolition of the two properties on East Second Street that are owned by the Oil City Redevelopment Authority will begin on March 7th.

New business.

Alan from the Oil City Redevelopment Authority submitted a letter stating they are interested in having the Land Bank obtain 14 Wilson Ave at the Judicial Sale on their behalf. The Authority may also ask the Land Bank for funds to have the dwelling demolished.

This request will be tabled until the April meeting and be voted on at that time, along with any other requests that maybe received.

Next Meeting-March 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourned the meeting at 1:30 was made by Warren Thomas 2nd by Diona Brick; all in favor

Submitter by
Mary Swisher