

Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes Courthouse Annex Conference room

05/8/2025

Meeting was called to order by: at 1:04 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

Motion was made by Warren Thomas to accept the 04/10/2025 minutes, 2nd by Diona; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests:

Yvonne Greene-Oil City Code, Ralph Montgomery-Oil Region Rising, Alan Schiller-Oil City Redevelopment Authority, and Regina Deloe-Cranberry Code Enforcement

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report

Diona Brick stated there is currently \$48,329.14 in the Register & Recorder's demo fund.
Vince Witherup made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report 2nd by Ken Bryan; all in favor.

Old Business:

Any interest in the two open positions on the board?

Six inquiries were received and they were all asked to submit a letter of interest by May 8th. Four letters of interest were submitted. All are strong candidates and received recommendations from the Board. The Commissioners will take everything into consideration and appoint two new board members.

Planning-Grant updates

Josh stated that we will be looking for more grants for demolitions and will speak to the Commissioners about changing a grant application to include demo. He also updated us on all the current grant projects.

Interest in Judicial sale properties:

Julie Thompson stated no new requests for the Land Bank to obtain properties on behalf of the municipalities and organizations were received. We reviewed funding for the demo of the following properties.

- Oil City Redevelopment Authority is requesting 14 Wilson Ave. He received a quote for the demo of \$25,750.00.
- Emlenton Borough is requesting 612 Kerr Street. They are also requesting funds for demolition. They did provide one quote for \$18,000.

A motion was made by Sam Breene to accept the request to purchase both of these properties at the sale. We will use CDBG for the Emlenton property and our Reg/Rec demo fund and possibly PHARE grant money for the Oil City property, 2nd by Warren Thomas; all in favor

New Business

Representative at the Judicial Sale – William Moon will represent the Land Bank at the Judicial Sale.

A motion was made by Warren Thomas, 2nd by Diona Brick; all in favor

A dumpster request was submitted by Cranberry Township to help clean up a property that is being cited for violations.

A motion was made by Warren Thomas, 2nd by Sam Breene; all in favor

Next Meeting-June 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm was made by Vince Witherup, 2nd by Julie Thompson; all in favor

Submitter by
Julie Thompson