

**Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation**

**May 23, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

**Heroes 9-11-01 Conference Room**

**Directors Present:** Kyle Barnhart, Ernie Brownell, Jill Henry, Les Marquart, Don Northrup, Frank Sinicropi, David Wood

**Staff:** Joe McGrath, Amanda Forney

**Other Attendees:** Esther Dickinson, Attorney at Heaton & Venuti; Mitch Rowe, County Manager

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Frank Sinicropi, chairperson. A quorum was present.
2. A motion was made by Kyle Barnhart and seconded by Ernie Brownell to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 25, 2023. Motion approved 7-0.

**3. Resolutions:**

- **23-21: Resolution Authorizing Services Agreement with Mozaic for Lawn Maintenance**

Kyle Barnhart made a motion and Les Marquart seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

The Land Bank acquired two properties post tax foreclosure from Seneca County. This resolution is needed to officially add those properties to the Land Bank services agreement with Mozaic. The properties should be mowed by the end of the week.

- **23-22: Resolution to Accept Land Bank Initiative Phase 2 Award from NYS Homes and Community Renewal**

Ernie Brownell made a motion and Kyle Barnhart seconded. Motion approved 7-0.

This resolution will allow the grant agreement to be signed and the Land Bank to move forward with proposed activities. \$332,640 in funding was awarded for many activities including for work on two properties received post tax foreclosure, the demolition of 108 Mynderse Street, and predevelopment funds for all vacant lots for housing development. The Land Bank has eight vacant lots in its inventory and has also submitted a purchase offer for two properties in the Town of Lodi. This grant fund is the only one available that will pay for predevelopment work. An in-house programmatic environmental review was completed over the last few weeks to meet funding requirements.

**4. CEO/Presidents Update & Discussion Items**

- **Property Acquisition Update**

The deeds were delivered by the County Clerk. They will need to be reviewed by Ms. Dickinson before being filed.

Mr. McGrath also submitted a purchase offer to the Town of Lodi for two additional properties. The two Lodi properties will be the slate for trying to conduct new builds with HCR Phase 2 predevelopment funds.

- **FLRLBC Strategic Planning Session June 6th**

The consultants (MRB Group and MMDA) and Land Bank Board members will meet in the Heroes Conference room from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to determine which direction the Board wants to take in how development takes place. Options and models have been developed to help the Land Bank generate revenue from properties.

- **Brownfields Update**

Grant funds have not yet been awarded in the northeast. Mr. McGrath is hopeful that grant funding will be awarded to the Land Bank by the next meeting.

Ms. Dickinson has been working on finalizing the brownfield's agreement. Ms. Dickinson stated that a typo was found within the document. The originals were sent to Ms. Dickinson's office to initial the change and once they are sent back, the final signature can be made.

**5. CFO/Treasurer Update:** Mr. McGrath delivered the report in Mr. Scaglione's absence. He noted that the next report will show a newly opened bank account for the Phase 2 HCR funding. A line of credit has also been opened at Generations Bank. Mr. McGrath will be meeting with the bank to ensure that the grant and line of credit can work together.

**6. Adjourn:** 4:17 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 4 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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