

**Gogebic Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Gogebic County, Bessemer, Michigan**

Regular Meeting, January 13, 2015

A meeting of the Gogebic Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room in the Gogebic County Courthouse, City of Bessemer, on the above date, by Neil Beckman, Chairman.

Roll Call: Present: Neil Beckman
Alan Baron
Joe Bonovetz
Velda Sclafani

Absent: John Garske
Dave Neumann
Rudy Grbavich
Dan Siirila

Also Present: Sue Pertile
George Fletcher

Minutes: A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Baron to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Agenda: A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Baron to approve the agenda with the addition of including a fourth item, Josephson's Follow-up, under Old Business. Motion unanimously carried.

Appearances: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

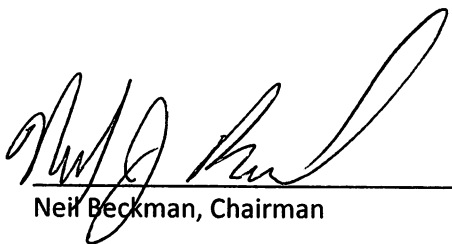
1. **Brownfield Project Affidavits:** Discussion was led by Beckman concerning the requested affidavits. He stated that it would be more understandable if the projects signed the affidavits because they were aware of and more knowledgeable on what was actually going on as opposed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Bonovetz made a motion to contact AKT to see if they could provide affidavits for the projects themselves. Baron supported the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
2. **Brownfield 101 Meeting:** Discussion was led by Beckman concerning when and where to host a Brownfield 101 meeting. Sclafani stated that there were presenters available from Lansing. The initial goal of having this meeting in January was revised to allow for more time to organize presenters and contact local/ out of area realtors. The new meeting timeframe was established for end of month February or early March. Sclafani will coordinate with the Lansing presenters and the meeting will be set up based on their availability to attend. Beckman stated that Rick

Tippet could give him a list of contractors and that he had access to out of area realtors to invite. Sclafani stated that she had access to realtors in the area.

3. **Application Fee:** Discussion was conducted concerning the current application fee rates. Bonovetz and Sclafani stated that there was concern that the application fee rates were cost prohibitive for small businesses especially since there was a minimum of \$2,000 stated in the application. Beckman stated that perhaps small businesses could have reduced rates on an exception or "as asked" for basis. A motion was made by Bonovetz and supported by Baron to table this discussion to the next meeting.
4. **Josephson's Follow-Up:** Discussion was led by Beckman concerning why check was cut from Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as "pass through". There is confusion on this matter and documentation is unclear why the City of Ironwood routed check through Brownfield to Josephson's. AKT stated that there was no plan thus no project. A motion was made by Bonovetz with support by Sclafani for Sclafani to ask the IEDC if they have further information on this. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Pertile stated that the agreement with Sunnyside needed to be reviewed and revised because of confusion on what was initially approved (\$97,000) and what has been paid (\$214,000). Beckman stated that he would meet with the Sunnyside proprietors and inform them that a revision was needed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Bonovetz and supported by Baron to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. The motion carried.



Neil Beckman, Chairman



Velda Sclafani, Secretary