

GOGEBIC COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY
Gogebic County, Bessemer, Michigan

Regular Meeting, October 6, 2015

A meeting of the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Development room in the Memorial Building, City of Ironwood, on the above date, by Vice Chairman Jeff Wasley.

Roll call: – Present: LeRoy Kangas
Sue Pertile
Jeff Wasley
Tom Laabs

Absent: Jeff Randall

A motion by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015.

A motion by Pertile, supported by Mr. Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda.

Communications:

Michael Brown, Community Development Director, for the City of Ironwood gave an update on the Blight Elimination Grant. He informed the Board that the grant was for \$675,000 which would be used to acquire 27 properties at \$25,000 each. As to date, 21 properties have been acquired. Five properties have been demolished and 8 more will follow by the end of October. Notices for bids have been advertised for all properties. The deadline for the grant is August, 2016, which Mr. Brown did not think would be any problem. He also notified the Board that all the properties water and sewer lines have been capped.

Pertile notified the Board that a neighbor to the grant property on 228 Pine was interested in purchasing since she was adjacent to the property. Mr. Brown said he also has other adjacent parcel owners interested in other grant properties. The State will have to approve each project prior to payment. If a neighbor to one of the grant properties wishes to purchase the property, we will need to ask the State to release the lien prior to the 5 year term. This will put the property back on the tax rolls and into the hands of a responsible resident in our community.

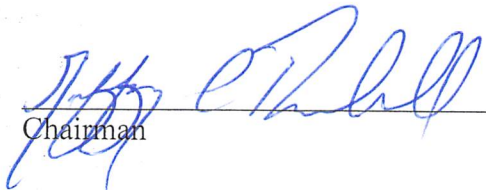
Old Business: None.

Other Matters: None

Mr. Kangas made a motion, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer



Chairman