

GOGEBIC COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY
Gogebic County, Bessemer, Michigan

 Regular Meeting, May 26, 2017

A meeting of the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority was called to order at 12:01 p.m. in the Conference room in the Gogebic County Courthouse, on the above date, by Chairman Jeff Randall.

Roll call: – Present: Tom Laabs
Sue Pertile
Jeff Randall
Dan Siirila
Jeff Wasley

A motion by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017.

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

Communications:
None

New Business: A memo from Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant, City of Ironwood, gave an update of the two blight grants. The first grant for \$640,000 has a balance of \$153,000 which can be rolled over into the new grant which is for \$240,000. The old grant, which demolished 27 houses, will be able to remove an additional 7-8 houses (6 are currently being demolished). After the first grant is depleted, the new grant will be used. The City expects to demolish 20-24 more houses this year using the two grants.

Next was the approval of purchasing for the minimum bid of the taxes plus recording fees, of the following properties from the Land Bank:

				<u>MOTION/SUPPORT</u>
01-22-102-600	N9897 S. Barber Road	\$2,016	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rand - to be demolished	Siirila/Laabs
01-49-000-300	Snow Summit Dr.	\$ 880	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marmozewicz	Siirila/Wasley
03-02-049-900	Airport Road	\$1,100	Mr. Tom Seekatz	Siirila/Laabs
05-30-004-000	Sundance Dr.	\$ 785	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Rettler	Siirila/Laabs
51-02-004-400	W Longyear	\$1,660	Ms. Mary Lynn Veda	Siirila/Wasley
52-27-227-120	349 E. Pine St.	\$3,244	City of Ironwood (Blight Grant)	Siirila/Laabs
53-05-004-300	1310 Hancock St.	\$ 885	Mr. & Mrs. Maxin LaMaide, Sr.	Siirila/Wasley
53-14-503-000	Plymouth Road	\$ 725	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dobbe	Siirila/Wasley

All of the above parcels had motions, support and were carried by unanimous voice vote. The properties are vacant, except for two, and are being purchased by the neighboring individuals. One building, the City of Ironwood is going to be demolished through the Blight Grant. The other, Mr. Rand approached Mr. Randall as supervisor of Bessemer Township, interested in the N9897 S. Barber Road property as it adjoins his property and would like to demolish the house. Mr. Randall & Ms. Pertile both concurred that the house needs to be demolished as it is deteriorating. Ms. Pertile stated that a reverter clause could be added to the deed to have the house demolished within a certain time frame or it would revert back to the Land Bank. Mr. Siirila made a motion to approve the purchase and give Mr. Rands one year from the date of the deed to demolish the house or it would revert back to the Land Bank. Mr. Laabs supported, and carried by unanimous voice vote. The parcel on N10722 Division Lane took no action.

Old Business: None

Other Matters: None

Mr. Siirila made a motion, supported by Mr. Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.