

**ALGER COUNTY BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY
MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Doucette.

Roll call was taken by Pam Johnson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson, Phil Hansen, Alan Weymouth, Teri Grout, Jo Ann Carlson, Pam Johnson and Mary Ann Froberg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hampton Waring

Guest Present: Dave Van Haaren with AKT Peerless

There was no public comment.

It was moved by Al Weymouth and supported by Teri Grout to approve the minutes as presented from the March meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mary Ann Froberg and supported by Teri Grout to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Dave Van Haaren, AKT Peerless gave an update on assessment grant funding for this year. Due to the Federal Budget not being approved, the EPA was unable to make all announcements at the National Brownfield conference in April as to who was awarded grants. He is hoping to hear by the end of April and will be at the meeting next month to discuss the findings and what will be our next step.

Dave also informed the Authority that in June the state will have new guidelines for a combined grant application. This application would be for the assessment and cleanup at the same time. He also informed the Authority that the DEQ still has funding available for Business Brownfield grant loans.

Under old business Pam Johnson gave a brief update on the County Land Bank (Intergovernmental Agreement) that is now sent to Lansing to be approved. She also asked the Authority if they know of any individuals that could help out on the creation of the Land Bank. Jo Ann Carlson said she would be interested in helping and her name will be added for appointment.

Also under old business, the Authority discussed the Brownfield Authority being added to our County website. Dave Van Haaren will send a couple links from other Authority website for ideas.

Update on Lammi's store property that is contaminated and owned by the County. A contract has been signed for an air quality test on the building to see if the building is safe.

Testing will be done the week of April 18th, 2011 and the results will be back in approx. two weeks. Tests will be discussed at next months meeting.

Dave Van Haaren discussed with the Authority the availability of DEQ Grants for anyone with a business (or a business ready to go) for job creation/retention.

It was moved by Terri Grout and seconded by Phil Hansen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.