

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Doucette. Due to a debriefing conference call, the meeting was started at a later time.

Roll call was taken by Pam Johnson.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson, Esley Mattson. Mary Ann Froberg, Hamp Waring, Phil Hansen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Al Weymouth, Jo Ann Carlson, Terri Grout

**GUEST PRESENT:** Dave Van Haaren with AKT Peerless and Elizabeth Coyne – Watershed Program Director

There was no public comment.

It was moved by Mary Ann Froberg and supported by Esley Mattson to approve the minutes as presented from the June meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Doucette asked that “Land Bank update” be added to the agenda. It was moved by Esley Mattson and supported by Hampton Waring to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Dave Van Haaren, AKT Peerless gave an update on the debriefing of our assessment grants (petroleum and hazardous substances) that were not granted. The debriefing was a conference call with Deborah Orr, Brownfield Coordinator, which was requested by the Authority. Dave Van Haaren stated that he did get a better understanding of what they would like to see in future grants written for our Authority. He also pointed out that not as many grant awards were given out nation wide compared with prior years. Elizabeth Coyne, Watershed Program Director, also stated that she could see ways that our grant applications could tie in with her program and will work with Dave Van Haaren on our next grant application. Also stated during the conference call was how we should show the letters of support having a stronger tie to the grants.

It was moved by Mary Ann Froberg and supported by Pam Johnson to have the Soil Conservation District put together an advisory counsel that would get information together that will be used in the next grants applications. Motion carried.

A letter from Joseph Walczak, Brownfield Assessment Program Manager, was sent to Chairman Doucette informing the Authority of the availability of the Brownfield Redevelopment Assessment program. This will be something that the Authority will need to look into. Letter attached.

Under old business: Pam Johnson presented to the Authority a sample of the website that has been worked on which would include basic information of current members, meeting schedule, agenda and minutes. It was moved by Hampton Waring and supported by Phil Hansen to have website added to the Alger County's web page. Motion carried.

Reports: Pam Johnson gave an update on Lammi's corner project and presented to the Authority a letter of support from the Rock River Twp. board. Attached.

It was moved by Mary Ann Froberg and supported by Phil Hansen to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Rock River Township**

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July 8, 2011

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RE: Request for Rock River Township Board Feedback, Lammi Store Property

Dear Ms. Johnson,

On behalf of the Rock River Township Board I would like to extend our thanks to you and Commissioner Doucette for attending our June board meeting. We appreciated your description of the Alger County Brownfield Committee's work related to the Lammi gas station property in Chatham. We appreciate your efforts to secure the funding necessary to evaluate and hopefully remediate that site.

Our board discussed your presentation and your request for feedback on the property's re-use. The board believes that the community's interests would be best served by having a gas station located on that property. Any efforts your committee can make to encourage re-development for that use would be appreciated.

Our board would also be interested in following the activities of your committee. If you could provide us with meeting minutes that would be helpful. If you require additional input from our board or attendance at specific meetings we would be willing to provide that assistance.

Please extend our thanks to all of your committee members for the work you are doing for the citizens of Alger County. Please contact us if we can assist you in the future with either the Lammi property or other committee activities.

Sincerely,

Ralph L Olson  
Rock River Township Supervisor

