

ALGER COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
October 10, 2012  
3:00 p.m.

The Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority convened in the conference room of the county building at 3:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mary Ann Froberg with the following members present: Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson, Esley Mattson, Hampton Waring, Phil Hansen and JoAnn Carlson. Absent: Jerry Doucette, Al Weymouth & Teri Grout

Guest: Gabriel Zawadzki – MAC Grant Services Program, Dave Van Haaren – AKT Peerless Environmental Consultant, Elizabeth Coyne – Alger Conservation District, Deanna Boyak - Habitat for Humanity.

Public Comment session was open. Deanna Boyak from Habitat for Humanity was present and asked to be on the agenda.

On a motion by JoAnn Carlson and seconded by Phil Hansen to approved agenda with the addition of the Habitat for Humanity as item #6. Motion carried.

On a motion by Esley Mattson and seconded by Hampton Waring to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Deanna Boyak from Habitat for Humanity explained to the Authority that she was at the meeting to learn what the Authority is able to do for the county. Their organization was trying to find help to remove a building due to blight with the hope to rebuild a new home in the near future. Dave Van Haaren explained that blight was one of the things the Authority was working on and that he would check and see what grants are available. The amount needed it roughly around \$8,000.00 but has not been confirmed.

On a motion by Phil Hansen and seconded by JoAnn Carlson to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Beginning balance	\$26,867.50
Deposits	0
Expense	<u>0</u>
Balance	\$26,867.50

Elizabeth Coyne - Watershed Program Director with Alger Conservation District, at last month meeting discussed the possibility of doing grant writing for the Authority and would present a proposal for hiring her. She informed the Authority she would not be able to do grant writing due to going to school and working and felt she could not put in the time needed as a grant writer. On a motion by Hampton Waring and seconded by Esley Mattson to postpone the hiring of this position until May or when Elizabeth can put in the time needed for grant writing.

Gabriel Zawadzki, with MAC Grant Services Program and Dave Van Haaren with AKT Peerless Environmental Consultant, gave a copy of the county assessment grant application and explained what is needed to go forward with this year application. He explained that grant writing had become very competitive and the Authority would need to tell a very compelling story of how Brownfield sites impact our communities and what needs to be done to restore or improve each community. With much discussion with Gabriel Zawadzki & Dave Van Haaren, it was decided to split up the work that needs to be done with each member of the Authority working with the local communities.

1. Letter of Support – Pam Johnson will get copies of prior letters to Gabriel. Support letters should be personalized by what each entity can contribute (in-kind services, available equipment, donate hours of work, etc.).
2. Hamp Waring will be working with Limestone and Mathias areas and get letters from individuals on any knowledge of possible contamination, historic industries etc. Phil Hansen will work with the Rumley and Chatham area.
3. Mary Ann will check with townships, the city and village to see if they have a master plan they can share with the Authority.
4. Esley Mattson will work with the Health Department on any knowledge they may have on any historic, abandoned blighted or contaminated properties. Also, to see if the Health Department has knowledge of Alger County having a higher rate of cancer.
5. Pam Johnson will work on the percent of land owned by the State, Federal or Private owned properties in Alger County.

All information needs to be back to Gabriel Zawadzki and Dave Van Haaren by October 31, 2012.

Dave Van Haaren was given his contract to start the investigation and delineation of onsite and offsite contamination per DEQ request at the Chatham Corner site (Lammi's Store). He explained to the Authority what steps he will be taking on site, off site and assessment of existing building.

REPORTS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment from the floor – comment session was closed.

Motion by JoAnn Carlson and seconded by Phil Hansen to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE ITEMS:

1. Policies and Procedures
2. Program available thru the state on disposal of old tires
3. Habitat for Humanity