

**ALGER COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES of FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MEETING**

The Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority convened in the Conference Room of the County Courthouse at 3:30 pm on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doucette. Members present: Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Esley Mattson, Teri Grout, Phil Hansen. Members absent: Pam Johnson, Hampton Waring, Jo Ann Carlson, Al Weymouth. Guests: Gabriel Zawadski, Dave Van Haaren, Tom Hall.

Public comment session was opened. There was no public comment from the floor, and public comment session was closed.

Grout asked that approval of AKT Peerless invoice be added to the agenda as #6a. Zawadski asked that his presentation be heard after Van Haaren's presentation. Mattson moved to approve agenda as amended; Hansen seconded; motion carried.

Froberg moved to approve minutes as presented; Hansen seconded; motion carried.

There was no financial report due to the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Johnson. Motion to approve payment of AKT Peerless invoice in the amount of \$4,070.00 made by Froberg, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Dave Van Haaren of AKT Peerless informed the Authority about an application for targeted assessment assistance for the Chatham Corners site which AKT has developed and submitted on behalf of the County. The grantor (EPA) should view the Application favorably due to factors such as the petroleum risk, the County's involuntary acquisition of the property, and the DEQ's existing work and involvement with the site. Up to \$50,000 of assistance may be received if the application is approved, and work would be done in spring 2013. The next step would be to seek cleanup assistance.

Gabriel Zawadski of MAC Grant Services informed the Authority about plans for a brownfield training workshop. The target date for Alger County is April 26<sup>th</sup>, to coincide with an April 27<sup>th</sup> workshop being held in Sawyer. Mattson suggested LMAS as a possible venue. Zawadski asked that Authority offer guidance as to what resources, sites, and range of concerns presenters should emphasize at workshop, e.g. health or property value impacts. Suggestions included opening with 'Brownfield 101' introductory information; using BIT (Brownfield Inventory Tool) prior to workshop to identify priority sites for discussion; inviting LMAS to participate and pool data with the Authority; and focusing on the Cox/Fire Hall block on which Mr. Hall is currently working. Zawadski also presented and discussed the TAB and ATSDR tools with the Authority members. Recommended workshop length, by consensus, was two hours.

Further discussion included DEQ Source Water Protection Areas and possible contamination from wells or other ingress portals; the Munising area cluster of sites that includes Cox/Fire Hall block; and the Chatham area cluster of sites which includes Brisson and Richmond-Hawley mills, Fred's, Lammi's, Norman Oil, and the Depot. Doucette suggested drawing on the DDA resources and master plan for the area. Zawadski suggested setting aside more time or a separate time for a 'community visioning' session to address broader community plans for sites and groups of sites.

Old Business: None.

Grout reported that Coyne is researching Groundwork USA grant funding to assist the Authority in building partnerships to address brownfield issues.

Reports: None.

Correspondence: None.

Board Comments: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to adjourn at 5:17 pm made by Grout, seconded by Mattson. Motion carried.