

ALGER COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

April 11, 2012

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 Chairman Doucette with the following members present: Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Teri Grout , Phil Hansen, JoAnn Carlson and Pam Johnson. Absent: Esley Mattson, Al Weymouth and Hamp Waring.

GUESTS: Jake Steinhauer – Michigan Works

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment from the floor – comment session was closed.

On a motion by Mary Ann Froberg and seconded by Teri Grout to approve minutes as presented for March 14, 2012. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mary Ann Froberg and seconded by Teri Grout to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Jake Steinhauer /Michigan Works stated to the Authority that the grant being applied for is through the EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training for hazardous waste handling, contaminated site clean-up, removal and disposal of contaminated materials, water quality improvement and revitalization of contaminated sites. The grant provides opportunity for 50 individuals to receive skills for employment related to brownfield remediation, ground water clean-up, and revitalization of the Central Upper Peninsula in their local community and provides local contractors and industry employers qualified workers to help them grow their business.

On a motion by Teri Grout and seconded by Phil Hansen to approve chairperson Doucette to sign a letter from the Authority showing support of this grant and the efforts of Michigan Works. Motion carried.

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April 1, 2012

Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Boulevard (G-17J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Dear Environmental Protection Agency:

The Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority supports the grant application from Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, Central 6 County Region, to provide environmental workforce development and job training for the under and unemployed citizens of the central counties in the Upper Peninsula.

The Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority fosters economic development and encourages and supports initiatives that provide full employment for our residents. The Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority views the potential results of this project to be consistent with our mission. As partners in workforce and economic development with Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, we work together to grow our regional economy and look for opportunities to build family sustaining jobs in our region.

Providing job training for the unemployed to restore the Upper Peninsula's land for reuse is a win-win situation for the economy and the environment. As a result of this grant opportunity, significant job creation and economic development would occur.

Therefore, the Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority fully supports the efforts of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board to provide workforce development and job training. For a community to attract and retain businesses in a global economy, a community must be able to provide job growth and job creation as well as a qualified labor force.

Sincerely,

Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Oath of office for chairperson Doucette and vice-chair Froberg was given by deputy clerk Paula Heyrman.

Old Business:

- a. Policies and Procedures will be discussed at next months meeting. Copies were given to board members to review and make changes if needed.
- b. Update on Brownfield training. Chairperson Doucette handed out a copy of the article that was in the Munising News announcing the workshop which will be on April 25th, 2012. He asked the Authority members to let interested residents know of the training and have them attend . Pam Johnson stated that a letter would go out to each township supervisor notifying them and ask them to inform any interested individuals.
- c. Mission Statement. On a motion by Teri Grout and seconded by JoAnn Carlson to approve mission statement as amended. Motion carried.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Alger County Brownfield Authority has been formed to promote the responsible, reasonable reuse and redevelopment of properties putting these properties back into productive use. It not only addresses environmental concerns, it also reduces blight, helps creates jobs, and restores the local economy.

REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

Motion by Mary Ann Froberg and seconded by Teri Grout to adjourn . Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

FUTURE ITEMS:

1. Policies and Procedures
2. Brownfield workshop - Report
3. Michigan Works

