

ALGER COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2019

The Alger County Land Bank Authority convened in the conference room of the county courthouse at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson with the following members present: Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson, Megan Webber. Members absent: MaryAnn Froberg and Sheila Peters. Guest: Gabriel Zawadzki - Grant Services Program Director at the Michigan Association of Counties.

Public comment session was open – Gabriel Zawadzki from MAC discussed the Opportunity zone. The Opportunity Zones incentive is a new community investment tool established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. Opportunity Zones provide a tax incentive for investors to re-invest their unrealized capital gains into dedicated Opportunity Funds. In following is a list of city/townships that are covered, in whole or part, by a U.S. Department of the Treasury-designated Opportunity Zone: Burt township, Grand Island township, Munising Township and City of Munising.

On a motion by Megan Webber and seconded by Jerry Doucette to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 ayes and 0 nays.

On a motion by Jerry Doucette and seconded by Megan Webber to approve financial report. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Pam Johnson, chairman presented to the Authority the following properties:

#005-130-006-20 located on Hwy 41 in Mathias Twp. This parcel (40' x 440') is not large enough to build on and the adjacent property owners do not want to pay the amount the land bank paid in back taxes. Motion by Jerry Doucette and seconded by Megan Webber to try and sell to the adjacent property owner for whatever they will pay. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 ayes and 0 nays.

#004-033-006-00 located in Limestone Twp. (80 acres) to see what plans the Authority would like to make to move forward. Authority members felt we should check with forester to see what the timber would be worth and then check with someone on windmill/solar. Once this information is available present it back to the Authority.

#005-121-015-00 located in Mathias Tw. which is an old gas station and has lots of old tires in the building. Motion by Jerry Doucette and Megan Webber to hold on to this property and submit for a grant once it is available and possible grant to remove structure. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Update on health department building – no closing date scheduled but should be soon.

On a motion by Jerry Doucette and seconded by Megan Webber to adjourn. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 ayes and 0 nays.