

*Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2008*

### ***Land Banks Minutes***

#### **Members**

Jerry Wolf, Jim Clark, Dwight McIntyre, Denny Weiss, Jane Tennant, Liz Steinhurst, Lance Vervoort, Alan Bruder, and Sue Delahanty.

#### **Land Bank Attendees**

Jerry Wolf, Denny Weiss, Jim Linton, Kathy Adair, Liz Steinhurst, Jim Clark, and Dwight McIntyre.

Dwight opens the Land Bank meeting at 10:11am. Dwight makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Liz seconds, and all in favor.

Jim Linton one million dollars to fund it for Brownfield fund assessments. The State land bank was more than willing to participate and at this point there are seven additional land banks in the state that want to be in the collation, a state wide collation formed since we meet last in September. Ogemaw County can become apart of this collation and receive funds. One hundred thousand is guaranteed to each county and based on priority.

Dwight states that this opportunity would allow for funds to clean up and repair properties.

Liz asks if we do both, join the collation and go on our own. Jim Linton states no, you can't.

Jim Linton states that the more partnerships you have the better chance you have at winning as far as priorities. It raises your priorities and gives you a better chance rather than versus going on your own, we will then have a track number and next year if we choose to, we can go on our own. It is not restricted to just Land Bank properties, it can be any properties in the County. It does not have to become part of the Land Bank, it can be private property. One hundred thousand dollars to come into Ogemaw County for assessments is a sure thing as far as any grant gets, and before any grant money is spent an memorandum between the State and Ogemaw County must be negotiated.

Liz states that it would give us an opportunity to get our feet wet.

Jerry Wolf feels that we should join this and get the ball rolling to begin the assessments.

Jim Linton states that the only glitch that I can see is the timing of when you get done with the grant is that you will have to put in the request stating you would like a specific property assessed. You then have a juggling act at how many assessments they can get done at one time. At this point all it takes is a letter from Dwight stating he would like to participate. A majority of the tax reverted parcels in Michigan are in Detroit.

Jim Clark states we have only a few potential properties, Little Reds, West Branch Steel, Ivan's Corner, and only a couple that we might want to do assessments.

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Jim Linton suggests sitting down with the property owners and going over the pros and cons of this, discussing the advantages and incentives of the purchaser. The Brownfield can step in and help with any clean up cost after the property is on the market.

Jerry Wolf questions if we can advertise this as County wide if accepted? Can we serve the whole County rather than selecting a few properties? We now have the access to the whole County to discuss which areas we would like to select, not eliminating areas such as Hill Township because of the distance. This would give us a better chance of going County wide with assessments.

Jim Linton states that a part of the grant writing needs to show the needs of Ogemaw County, stating the collation member and their needs. Jim suggests selecting a property and to discuss it further at an upcoming meeting to further analyze what could be done.

Jerry asks are we going to help or hurt the mission statement by going this way?

Dwight reads the mission statement of the Land Bank and

Jerry makes a motion to go forward with Jim Linton by Dwight creating the letter, Denny seconds, and all in favor.

During the next meeting we will review the draft created by Dwight.

Next meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10am, West Branch Township Hall.