



**ADA TOWNSHIP
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2024, MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Ada Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board was held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Ada Township Hall, Assembly Room, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada MI.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Moran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bowersox, Dixon, Leisman, Moran, Norman, Said

Members Absent: Killman

Staff Present: Assessor Boerman, Buckley, Suchy

Public Present: 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bowersox, supported by Norman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING

Dixon referred to the Election of Officers section of the minutes requesting clarification on the role of secretary. Planning Director Said explained that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board does not require a secretary position. Moved by Dixon, supported by Bowersox, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

Moran made note of an error on the amount of distribution to Geld and corrected the amount to be \$64,040.03.

Said stated that this distribution to Geld may result in the completion/fulfilment of the duties of the Brownfield Board.

There was extended Board discussion on: what the next steps would be, to resolve the Brownfield, continue the Board for future programs and/or other options, funding of Brownfield programs, reaching out to Geld regarding payment agreement with the final payment, and confirming what the State Brownfield Authority/Law requirements/options are.

Township Manager Suchy explained the process/procedures to have a Brownfield (or not have a Brownfield) and possible options within a Brownfield; apply for housing, staying dormant, and/or checking into the Kent County Brownfield.

Moran asked the other Board members their thoughts. Dixon said he feels the development is done, but that Ada is not done and there may be other projects to consider. Norman mentioned several items; one in that he said with the States change in definition of Brownfield (no longer do you have to have contaminated property) it opens up a lot more parcels to be developed. Bowersox agreed with the items that Norman said. Leisman said his thought is that he would like to see staff (and legal counsel) do their research before making any decisions.

Following discussions, it was concluded that Said/staff would do the additional research on what the State law requires, have discussion with Geld/Amway, and that Said will share the finalized research with the Brownfield Board at a meeting date to be determined.

- a. Reimbursement to Geld, LLC for Costs of Eligible Brownfield Activities**
- b. Ada Township Administrative and Operating Expenses**

Moved by Norman, supported by Dixon, to approve reimbursement payment to Geld, LLC, in the amount of \$64,040.03 and Ada Township in the amount of \$1,750.00 for Administrative and Operating Expenses. Motion carried.

STAFF/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Said mentioned that Kurt Killman's term has come to an end, and he has declined reappointment. Leisman said they will hold off appointing any new board members until a decision is made regarding the Brownfield Board.

The Board discussed the next meeting date and tentatively agreed to Monday, October 14 or October 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Assessor Boerman stated that she sends the information to the Treasurer Department for them to collect and will continue to communicate with them regarding the parcels that are involved in the Brownfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Norman, supported by Dixon, to adjourn meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

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