



**ADA TOWNSHIP
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING**

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A regular meeting of the Ada Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., at the Ada Township Hall, Assembly Room, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada MI.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Moran called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Killman

Staff Present: Assessor Boerman, Buckley, Suchy

Public Present: 0

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dixon, supported by Leisman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2024, MEETING

Moved by Dixon, supported by Said, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. & 5. REVIEW OF BROWNFIELD PROGRAM & TERMINATION OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Said stated that the Brownfield program has been a model of success and all the reimbursements to Geld have been completed. He noted that the program operated well and stayed on a tight time-frame to allow for completion of all the repayments to Geld for all the mitigation work that has been done.

Norman arrived the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Moran agreed with the program success and said he/we have learned a lot about the Brownfield Program and it has accomplished what it was set out to do; with that being said, we are moving on toward the termination of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

Said explained at the March 25, 2024, Brownfield Authority Board meeting, Board members inquired about whether the program could continue, funding options, and confirmation of applicable State laws. Staid reached out to the State as well as the Township Attorney to address these questions. As more specific information was provided by the Township Attorney, a summary of those responses is provided as follows:

- Per the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, a brownfield plan may only authorize the capture of tax increment revenue from eligible property until the year in which the costs for the eligible activities are reimbursed, or 30 years, whichever occurs first.
- The Act requires that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority may no longer capture taxes under the Geld Plan once all eligible costs have been reimbursed.
- Per the Act, the Brownfield Plan cannot be amended solely to continue capturing taxes; there would have to be some sort of eligible activities or expenditures to justify an amendment to extend the Brownfield Plan.

Said confirmed that the areas within the area designated in the Brownfield Plan have now been completely redeveloped, and the Township's reimbursement obligations have been fulfilled, it is appropriate to terminate the Brownfield Plan at this time.

Moran said he thinks it is important that we make a recommendation to the Township Board to terminate the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board, thus allowing the various taxing entities to begin to regain their tax revenues.

Said informed the Brownfield members that if any future opportunities arise for redevelopment that is eligible for participation in the Brownfield Program, the Township will have an opportunity to either: (a) participate in the Kent County Brownfield Program, or (b) set up a new Brownfield Plan.

Moved by Bowersox, supported by Dixon, to recommend to the Township Board the termination of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Motion carried 6-0.

6. STAFF/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Said expressed his appreciation of the time and efforts of the Brownfield Authority Board and he thanked the members for their involvement.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Norman, supported by Bowersox, to adjourn meeting at 8:16 a.m. Motion carried.

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

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