

Kankakee Regional Land Bank Authority
April 16, 2024 meeting minutes
County Building 189 E. Court St., Kankakee, IL 60901

1. Welcome – Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Sanford at 1:37 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call
 - a. Joe Nugent – Present via Zoom
 - b. Matt Olszewski - Present
 - c. Lisa Sanford - Present
 - d. Barbara Brewer-Watson – Present
 - e. Victor Nevarez - Absent
 - f. Scott Goldstein - Present via Zoom
 - g. Dr. Montele Crawford - Present
 - h. Brent Denzin - Present via Zoom
 - i. Norm Gaskin - Present
4. Approval of electronic and telephonic participation – Matt Olszewski motioned to approve electronic and telephonic participation. Norman Gaskin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
5. Public comment – There were no public comments.
6. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Matt Olszewski motion to approve the minutes and Norm Gaskin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
7. Financial Review
 - a. Dr. Crawford presented the bills for \$1,398.52 for Denzin and Soltedah. Joe Nugent motioned to approve the bills and Matt O seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.
 - b. Dr. Crawford presented the financial report with a grant balance showing \$116,915.51 and \$37,044.47 in the KRLBA First Trust Bank account.

- c. Dr. Crawford presented a template for a letter to use as a written request to the County and City and asking for ARPA funds to help the landbank operate for the next two years. Letter was reviewed and signed by board to be sent to the City and County.

8. Chairperson's Report

- a. Chairperson Sanford received an email from Brian White about how landbanks are leading tax burdened property actions across the US. She asked if Brent Denzin could explain the info more. Brent presented how the deed restriction proposal from the County trustee program would benefit KRLBA property pipeline. There is also an option for KRLBA to control the trustee program.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Waiting on City for six properties that are still in the documentation process. Working with County to acquire two properties in abandonment process.

10. Old Business

- a. 217 E. Court St. Update: Brent reported on the status of the acquisition of the property at 217 E. Court St (Jaffe Property). He noted that the deed-in-lieu (DIL) of foreclosure was sent to Jaffe's counsel. They have not responded to the DIL so we are moving forward with summary judgment on May 2, 2024. Barbi advised that the Fire Chief is scheduled to meet with Jaffee on May 1, at noon.
- b. KRLBA Website: Dr. Crawford presented a mock up for the website.

11. New Business -

- a. Brent presented the opportunity to do a conditions survey to help collect the data needed to identify properties to prioritize. A discussion was held on how to do this and who needs to be involved.

12. Adjournment – Joe Nugent motioned to adjourn and Matt O seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Next meeting is May 21, 2024 at 1:30pm in the County Board Room.

Minutes prepared by KRLBA Secretary-Treasurer Barbi Brewer-Watson