

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Pope County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board  
June 21, 2023

The June 21, 2023, regular meeting of the Pope County HRA-EDA was held at the Pope County Courthouse – Community Meeting Room and was called to order by Vice Chairperson Greg Vold at 11:03 a.m. with the following members present; Commissioner Paul Gerde, Commissioner Paul Gremmels, Greg Vold, and Jason Rupp. Staff present was Jason Murray and Barry Hegg.

Guests in attendance: Gary Swenson, Nikki Armstrong

Vold asked for any additional items. A motion by Rupp, seconded by Gremmels, to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Vold welcomed Swenson and asked him to introduce himself and his guest. Swenson introduced Armstrong and noted they were in attendance to discuss the Starbuck Home.

Vold asked the Board if it was appropriate to move up the item on the agenda. Consensus of the Board was to move the item up on the agenda.

Starbuck Property: Swenson indicated he had sent a letter to Vaadeland and Murray from the Armstrong's. Swenson indicated that they are interested in the home, they are currently living in an apartment and have one adolescent son. Swenson indicated he would be purchasing the home "as-is" and contracting for deed with Armstrong's. Swenson noted that with the Armstrong's contracting business, they would update and repair the home. Murray asked about why investor financing rather than a traditional bank. Swenson responded that they didn't want to affect their business with the personal debt. Murray noted he had received the letter, along with a letter from a second party. Swenson asked the if there were any questions.

With the two letters, Murray recommended the board has should consider these two options:

1. Closed session at the July 5 meeting to consider a purchase price.
2. Table the item and designate it to the Executive Committee or a committee chosen by the Board to review and recommend.

Board discussed the recommendation and consensus was to have a closed session on July 5<sup>th</sup> to consider a purchase price.

Vold thanked Swenson and Armstrong for attending. Swenson and Armstrong left the meeting.

Public Commit: Vold asked for any additional public comments. No comments were received.

Official Proceedings: A motion by Gerde, seconded by Gremmels to approve the June 7, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: A motion by Rupp, seconded by Gerde, to approve the following list of bills as presented, having been duly audited and ordered them paid, motion carried unanimously:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Xcel Energy (Law Building)	\$	37.16
Xcel Energy (Buysse Building)	\$	19.23
West Central Community Action	\$	880.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>936.39</b>

May Financials: Murray reviewed the balance sheet, deposit, and check register with the Board. Murray reviewed the cash balance, fixed assets, and long-term liabilities from the balance sheet with the Board. A motion by Gremmels, seconded by Gerde, to approve the monthly financials as presented, motion carried unanimously.

Board Per Diem: A motion by Rupp, seconded by Gremmels, to approve the board per diems, motion carried unanimously.

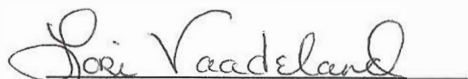
Informational Items:

Fremad Redevelopment – Murray gave a quick update, informing the Board that demolition bids will be opened at 2 pm on Tuesday, June 27, and asbestos removal will begin Wednesday, July 5.

Villard Property – Parcel #28-0101-000: Murray shared a copy of the Redevelopment Plan and TIF Plan with the Board.

Adjourn: A motion by Rupp, seconded by Gerde, to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m., motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Lori Vaadeland, President

  
Jasort Rupp, Secretary