

County of Roscommon Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
February 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Brenda Bachelder, Edward Bergeron (ZOOM), Michael Briggs, Wendy Engle, Katherine Methner, Rebecca Ragan

Absent: April Hehir

- I. Meeting called to order by Katherine Methner at 8:35 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda changes: None
- IV. Introduction of Guests: Rhonda Fossitt
- V. Approval of the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes with correction "im to him": Motion made by Rebecca Ragan to approve, seconded by Mike Briggs, all yes. Motion approved.
- VI. Redevelopment Opportunities, site list/update: None
- VII. BRA ARP Grant Update: April and Katherine will write a Request for Proposal for a consultant.
- VIII. BRA Website: Mike talked to Andy Priest at the county about what we want on the website. He asked who can put information on, what if we need additional space, who is the authority. Mike will draft an email to Jody telling her our requirements and ask who will have privileges and if there will be a cost.
- IX. Kirtland Community College: Rebecca visited with Dr. Quinn. He said there is a party interested in purchasing the property. March 23, 2022, at 11:45 meet in the vestibule for lunch and a tour of the new Kirtland facility.
- X. BRA Bank Account Motion: Bank account has been opened. Rebecca needs board motion to present to the bank.

Motion by Wendy Engle to give Rebecca Ragan permission to open an account for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority at North Central Area Credit Union for ARPA funds, seconded by Mike Briggs. All yes. Motion carried.

- XI. Recruitment: Wendy made announcement at January 20, 2022, RTA meeting. We have a letter of interest and application from Rhonda Fossitt, but could not act on it today. Brenda questioned whether we could have a commissioner on the board. Rebecca will ask at the commissioner's meeting next week. Mike suggested an exposé of all county boards, what they do, and vacancies.

- XII. Board Member Comments: Wendy talked to the owner of Sharp's Corner who said they have no contamination at the site.

Ed would like to see virtual meetings allowed and not controlled by the state's open meetings act.

Rebecca said the commissioners voted "no" to meet virtual.

Motion by Mike Briggs to send a letter to our local state representative, with cc's to the Roscommon County Commissioners and Senator Curt VanderWall, endorsing the need for the Open Meetings Act to allow virtual participation, and in support of the new bill by Senator Wayne Schmidt of Traverse City to allow virtual meetings for medical conditions or disability, seconded by Rebecca. All yes. Motion carried. Katherine will draft the letter for board approval.

- XIII. Guest Comments: None

- XIV. Agenda items for upcoming meeting: Rhonda Fossitt application

Motion to adjourn by Rebecca Ragan at 9:37 a.m., second by Michael Briggs. All yes. Motion approved.

Next Meeting 8:30 a.m. March 16, 2022 at Michigan Works