

DELTA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
July 24, 2008

Members present: Donald Spodeck, Tom Brayak, Tom Rymkos, David Peter Van Steen, Jake DeGrand, Gary Olsen, Mark Nelson, and Dave Rivard (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Members Absent: Dave Nordin

Public: Donna Harris, Darrel Bengry, Ron Powers, Joe Erickson, Flora McCormack

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Rymkos in the Circuit Courtroom in the Delta County Courthouse.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. A roll call was taken; a quorum was present with Dave Nordin excused and Dave Rivard due to arrive later in the meeting.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Peter Van Steen will be developing bylaws for the Authority. **MOTION BY T. BRAYAK, SECONDED BY G. OLSEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRINTED; MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Members of the Authority will review financial information submitted to EPA in connection with the EPA hazardous and petroleum assessment grants.
6. A public hearing was held on the EPA Brownfield grant the county received. Joe Erickson gave a brief overview of the EPA grant of \$200,000 for hazardous assessments and \$200,000 for petroleum assessments. He reviewed the proposed outcomes and a summary of the grant activities. There were no public comments made concerning the grant application. **MOTION BY G. OLSEN, SECONDED BY J. DEGRAND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Ms. Flora McCormack, Grant Service Program Director, Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation presented an excellent overview of Brownfield Development. Copies of a booklet explaining Brownfield Development were handed out to members to review during the presentation and for future reference. Flo suggested establishing a policy to have a potential developer pay upfront costs associated with review of a Brownfield Plan submitted to the Brownfield Authority, with the provision the cost could be waived on a case-by-case basis. Criteria to review possible brownfield assessments could include: there is an interested developer/potential buyer; the site is on a major thoroughfare, and sensitive population nearby (school, young children, hospital). If there is a potential buyer the assessment would move to the top of consideration and if there is no interested buyer at the time,

consideration of an assessment should be delayed. Criteria in deciding assessments should take into consideration an “innocent landowner” provision. Perhaps another meeting with Flo could be in September.

8. Joe Erickson has developed a list of potential environmental consultants to send the Request for Qualifications from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Flo suggested a blind review of the consultants with any identifying information removed prior to review of information by the Authority members.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at the Circuit Courtroom in the Courthouse. Members will be notified by e-mail with the exception of Don Spodeck and Tom Rymkos who do not have e-mail. The mailing with the next meeting announcement will have a list of potential consultants.
10. MOTION BY J. DEGRAND, SECONDED BY T. BRYAK TO ADJOURN AT 8:42 P.M.; MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by Peter Van Steen