

**Gogebic Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Gogebic County, Bessemer, Michigan**

Regular Meeting, July 29, 2014

A meeting of the Gogebic Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. in the conference room in the Courthouse, City of Bessemer, on the above date, by Neil Beckman, Chairman.

Roll Call: Present: Alan Baron
 Neil Beckman
 John Garske
 Rudy Grbavcich
 Dave Neumann
 Sue Pertile
 Velda Sclafani

Absent: Dan Siirila

Mr. Garske, supported by Mr. Grbavcich, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes from April 8, 2014.

A motion by Mr. Grbavcich, supported by Mr. Garske, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Under New Business was the approval of the Brownfield capture value payments on all projects. Mr. Grbavcich inquired on Gogebic Range Bank's eligible expenses, and to see if we are in compliance. He stated that we did not have anything showing the eligible expenses. Mr. Beckman stated that if the GBRA needed an affidavit regarding the expenses, Gogebic Range Bank would provide it. Mr. Garske and Pertile both stated that previously AKT Peerless said they had sufficient data to complete the audit and that we were in compliance. Pertile stated according to the Brownfield Act 381, Sec. 125.2666, the county treasurer shall transmit tax increment revenues to the authority not more than 30 days after tax increment revenues are collected. More discussion took place. A motion by Mr. Garske, supported by Ms. Sclafani, to approve the payments to Gogebic Range Bank for \$18,107.24, Sunnyside for \$12,973.70, and Kauppila's upon notification of payment of their 2014 Summer Tax for approximately \$2,525.00. Ayes – 5. Nays – 1.

Next was the Election of Officers. A motion by Mr. Garske, supported by Mr. Grbavcich, and carried by unanimous voice vote to re-elect the officers for the following position for a one year term as per GBRA By-Laws:

Mr. Beckman – Chairman
Mr. Baron – Vice Chairman
Ms. Sclafani – Secretary/Treasurer

Next was the discussion for the members of the GBRA. As per the By-Laws, there shall be a one, two, and three year members. It was suggested that Mr. Grbavcich and Mr. Neumann be recommended for the one year term; Mr. Siirila and Mr. Garske be recommended for the two year term; and Mr. Beckman, Mr. Alan, and Ms. Sclafani be recommended for the three year term. Pertile asked each member to provide a letter for their positions on the Board. Pertile advised that

the Gogebic Board of Commissioners will advertise and appoint the new positions. The GBRA will give the Board of Commissioners their recommendations for the positions.

Under Old Business was the audit update. AKT had just provided a proposal for consulting services for our Brownfield projects. The cost of the proposal is \$5,000. The GBRA had approved the audit in October, 2013, and discussion took place as to why this wasn't done already. Discussion took place. A motion by Mr. Garske, supported by Mr. Grbavcich to have the County's Corporate Counsel review the proposal and give his recommendation prior to the 30 day deadline.

Under Other Matters, Mr. Grbavcich inquired about having a meeting to give a presentation to the contractors, realtors, government officials, developers and bankers in regards to what our brownfield can do for individuals and businesses. Mr. Garske said that possibly AKT could show their presentation. Mr. Beckman suggested having the Brownfields 101 that this board was shown to make the community aware how our GBRA could help our community. Mr. Beckman and Mr. Garske will come up with a listing for our next meeting.

Pertile inquired about the issue in regards to Mr. Siirila being a board member. When this committee was set up, the members wanted a Gogebic Board of Commissioner to sit on the GBRA. Pertile mentioned at the regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting under Other Matters if any Board member would like to sit on the GBRA since Mr. Siirila was not a County official, but that Mr. Siirila would probably stay on if no one was interested. Pertile felt obligated to make the County Board aware of the situation since this authority is under Gogebic County. No one from the County Board wanted to sit as a member.

Our next meeting will be October 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

A motion by Mr. Grbavcich, supported by Mr. Garske, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Neil Beckman, Chairman

Velda Sclafani, Secretary