



Minutes

ROCK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MONDAY, November 15, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. Meeting was teleconferenced using ZOOM

The meeting of the Rock County Housing Authority Committee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021. Chair Schulz presided. Members present: Chair Kathy Schulz, Jason Heidenreich, BillyBob Grahm. Absent: Shirley Williams, Michelle Ponkauskas. QUORUM PRESENT.

Rock County Staff Present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director), Dana Sanwick (Office Coordinator).

Others Present: Todd Mandell (Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development)

1. Call to Order
Roll Call

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by BillyBob Grahm **Seconded** by Jason Heidenreich

3. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes of the Housing Authority Meeting held September 29, 2021

Moved by BillyBob Grahm **Seconded** by Jason Heidenreich

4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

Supervisor Schulz announced that the County Board approved the funding for the Tenant Legal Action Resolution.

5. **Possible Action Item:** Consider Support for Possible New Low Income Housing Project in Edgerton – Todd Mandel, WPHD

Todd Mandell from WPHD spoke about a new low income housing project that would be considered new construction as it is an old building that needs to be rehabbed into apartments to create new low income housing. Main floor will be a commercial business while the other floors will be apartments. Funding would be provided by several different sources; currently 5 funding sources.

Question and answer session on different concerns regarding the market of people the housing will be marketed to.

This project does not fall under the current Housing Authority policies, however, the project is allowable under HUD guidelines. The Committee agreed that this would be a good project to pursue, giving Mr. Mandell the green light to work with the various entities involved on the planning process. **Motion to move forward for more information. Moved** by Jason Heidenreich **Seconded** by BillyBob Grahm **Approved (3-0)**

6. **Informational Item:** Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) associated with approved County Board Resolution *Authorizing Financial Support to Fund a Study of Potential Options to Expand the Services Offered By the Rock County Housing Authority*

Andrew informed the Committee that there was one response to the RFP, which is from WPHD our current service provider for the HOME funds. Staff will work to develop a contract with WPHD with the target completion date of February 1, 2022.

7. **Informational Item:** Status Update Regarding Goals in Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Document (2019)

Judge Dillon is considering some of the changes suggested in the eviction letter that was sent to him.

Legal Action will hire a full-time attorney and a .8 administrative assistant for one year with the funding that is being provided by the Tenant Eviction Resolution that was approved. If effective there is the possibility to continue the program for multiple years. Echo will be providing the office space for this endeavor.

8. Status of Outreach Efforts

Website has been updated to include brochures and applications. Municipal clerks have been e-mailed the brochures and applications to post in public areas.

9. Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics

More feedback on where housing may be opening up by foreclosures.

10. Discuss Future Meeting Schedule and Venue

The Committee discussed setting a regular meeting date if possible based on Chair Schulz's suggestion. Previously the Committee was meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, but that was altered in the last few months due to Andrew's required training. After reviewing calendars for the coming months, it was decided by those in attendance that the second Wednesday of the month would work best, at 9:00 a.m. Meetings will remain via ZOOM at this time.

11. Adjournment @ 10:13AM

Moved by BillyBob Grahn **Seconded** by Jason Heidenreich

Future Meeting Dates
December 8th, 2021 9:00AM