

**ATHENS COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING**  
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LOCATION: Athens County Records Center (live) and on Google Hangouts - <https://meet.google.com/bbz-ywph-ygf>

DAY/TIME: Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

PURPOSE: Regular meeting to consider the following business:

Board Administration – 5 minutes

1. Call to order by Ric Wasserman, Chair - Roll Call by Aaron Dye, Secretary
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting
4. Financial Report – Treasurer La Verne Humphrey

Summary	
Starting Balance	290,294.90
Actual Cash In	184,324.25
Actual Cash Out	127,462.75
Ending Balance	347,156.40

Business:

Old Business – 20 minutes

1. Update on acquisition process/pipeline – Mr. Wasserman
  - i) Properties acquired since December board meeting: 319 Oak Street, Nelsonville; 55 Madison Street, Glouster; 11 Maple Street, Glouster; 3 Main Street, Glouster; 29 Hill Street, Glouster; 21 W. High Street, Jacksonville; Vacant lot at corner of Congress Street and Valley Street, Trimble.
  - ii) We have moved into a new cycle of foreclosures with 7 title searches being ordered from Nolan and Meek in consultation with Asst. Prosecutor Zach West.

2. Self-Funded Demos: Hutton Excavating has completed the Group J1, J2, and J3 demolitions. These demolitions included 13 structures in Nelsonville, Glouster, Trimble, Jacksonville, Chauncey, and Stewart. Aaron and Ric are currently going through the projects list to determine the next rounds of demolitions. Expenses for these demolitions will be reimbursable under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program rules. See below.
3. State Demo project: Update from Mr. Wasserman – The applications were due on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Land Bank applied to demolish 42 buildings and six mobile homes across the county. We have finally been notified of our approval for the entire \$734,000 of our grant request! This means that all of the projects on our demo list will be funded though some of them are now moot due to sales or owner-demos. Aaron submitted the first reimbursement request for the amount of \$129,674.25, which was approved by ODOD and was received in our account on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Asbestos inspections have been completed on the structures in the next round of demolitions. We are awaiting the results. Once we receive the surveys, we will publish the bid specifications for each group. Structures in Group K include: 8001 SR-78, Glouster; 2 Mound Street, Chauncey; 22 Smith Street, Chauncey; 3 Main Street, Glouster; 61 Summit Street, Glouster; 3 Summit Street, Glouster; 234 W. Washington, Nelsonville; 473 Poplar Street, Nelsonville; 3798 Woodlane Drive, Nelsonville; 823 Walnut Street, Nelsonville; 4071 Old SR-56, New Marshfield; 3 Elm Street, The Plains; 38 Brown Avenue, Athens.

4. State Brownfield Grant Application: In collaboration with the Athens County Port Authority, we made application for several brownfield remediation projects around the county that had previously been Land Bank projects. As part of this program the Jacksonville-Trimble school, vacant and dilapidated for over 40 years, has been torn down. Two other projects have had assessments completed and will be shifted to the OEPA BUSTR program for remediation. Greening has been carried out at the Jacksonville-Trimble school, marking the demolition as complete.

5. Update on previously approved projects: Mr. Wasserman

- A. 27 Main Street, Glouster (LB-2018-72): The house at 27 Main was demolished in the Group J2 demolitions. A sign has been placed at the property. We expect it to come up for disposition in early 2023.
- B. Rehabs: Land Bank Rehabs underway or nearly completed in the county: 24 Cherry Street (new owner), Glouster; 141 Monroe Street, Nelsonville; 130 Jefferson Street, Nelsonville; 354 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville; 637 High Street, Nelsonville; 495 Patton Street, Nelsonville; 770/784 Poplar Street, Nelsonville.

## 6. Rural Acquisition (Pay-in-advance) Program Projects:

- 1) 4070 Washington Road (3 parcels, LB-2021-16): We have acquired this property. See below for update on environmental remediation at this property. Aaron and Ric conducted a level one inspection of the house on the property, which seems to be in very good condition. We now have several potential end users for this property. Heirs of the previous owner contacted us and are currently in the process of removing some personal items from the house.
- 2) 110 High Street, Glouster (LB-2022-08): This property was transferred to the Land Bank on November 29, 2022. The previous owner is currently in the process of cleaning out some items from the building.
- 3) 4667 Sand Ridge Road, Lodi Twp (LB-2020-07): The Land Bank purchased the tax certificates and sent them to Frank Lavelle, who filed the foreclosure case. The judge in the case issued a decree of foreclosure on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and ordered Direct Transfer to the Land Bank. Our attorney will be getting the required signatures on the deed and we should have it shortly.
- 4) 61 Summit Street, Glouster (LB-2021-06): Burned out church along Summit in Glouster. This property is already a Land Bank project. The church is slated to be demolished with BD&SR funds later this summer. It was voted at the July board meeting to accept Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio's proposal to acquire this property through the Rural Acquisition program. A foreclosure case was filed on this property on Land Bank lien certificates on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A foreclosure has been decreed. Our attorney will be getting the required signatures on the deed and we should have it shortly.

## 7. Brownfield Remediation Projects:

- a. 83 Columbus Road (LB-2021-18): abandoned gas station owned by the City of Athens. This project was granted a Level 1-2 assessment in the Round 1 brownfield funding and we applied for remediation (demo) of the property in Round 2. We expect the remediation to be funded since it is within our \$1 Million county set-aside. Best estimate on timeline is a mid-late summer 2023 demo.
- b. 4070 Washington Rd, Albany (LB-2021-16): Foreclosure was completed.

Phase 1 and 2 evaluations were done with Brownfield project money and it was decided to move this project to the EPA's BUSTR program as there is over \$10 million left in that fund and Tetra-Tech believes there is an easier path to funding there. It will not, however be quick. It will probably take 6 months to finish the work on the Phase 1 & 2 and get an approval from Ohio EPA for a remediation grant.

8. Update on pending dispositions:

- a. 17922 N. Akron Avenue, Buchtel (LB-2020-01): Closing for the renovated house on N. Akron Avenue occurred Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The house was sold to the happy buyer. We received a net total of \$158,372 from the sale after closing costs and real estate agent commission.
- b. Closings for 26 Converse, Chauncey, 19498 Congress Street, Trimble, and 60 Converse Street, Chauncey are slated to occur by the end of the month.

9. Buchtel Renovation

- a. 17922 Akron Avenue, Buchtel (LB-2020-01): All appliances have been installed and the renovation is complete! Sanborn Family Builders did a fantastic job with the renovation and were wonderful to work with. Finishing touches have been completed. The renovation cost approximately \$170,000. The Land Bank received \$15,000 from the Athens County Foundation and \$30,000 from the Treasurer's lien administration fund, so the Land Bank spent \$125,000.

As noted above, closing for the Buchtel house occurred on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Land Bank received a total of \$158,372 from the sale. After the cost of the renovation and including the funds received from the Athens County Foundation and the Treasurer's lien administration fund, the Land Bank made \$33,372 from its first renovation project.

10. ARPA request in the amount of \$200,000 for demolitions and nuisance properties in collaboration with the Health Department

- a. A request was sent to the Commissioners, and was then sent to their Auditors to verify that it is an approved expense. Update from Commissioner Chmiel?

11. Discussion on an event with Heritage Ohio in Spring 2023 – Update from Commissioner Chmiel

New Business – 25 minutes

1. Future Dispositions – Several potential dispositions are in progress, and we hope to bring them to the board soon. They include:

- a. 27 Main Street, Glouster (LB-2018-72): The structure was demolished during the recent Group J2 demolitions. A new sign has been placed on the property. We expect it to come up for disposition in early 2023.
- b. 8001 SR-78, Glouster (LB-2019-10): Parcel with a dilapidated trailer. A few end-users have applied for this property. Needs survey. An application was submitted to have this structure demolished with state BD&SR funds.

- c. 20 Campbell Street, Nelsonville (LB-2018-43): This property was recently acquired, and we believe it to be a candidate for renovation. Waste diversion is currently being carried out at the house. It was inspected by local contractor Danny Yahini and it is his opinion that the structure can be renovated. He estimates it would cost \$25,000-35,000 in materials to successfully renovate. No project proposals were submitted on the prior October 19, 2022 deadline. Athens County Planner Laura Olbers confirmed with us that this property is in the floodplain and would need to be elevated 6 inches above the base flood elevation if renovated.
  - d. 38 Main Street, Glouster (LB-2018-73): Large blue boarded up Victorian house in Glouster. A new end-user has come forth with an interest in renovating the house. He is currently composing a prospectus. Our Property Manager, Jody Barnes conducted a tour for a new interested end-user on December 15, 2022.
  - e. 14 and 16 Maple Street, Glouster (LB-2019-25 and LB-2019-26): Empty parcels. Structures previously demolished by Land Bank. The only interested end-user has not responded to contact attempts.
  - f. 823 Walnut Street, Nelsonville (LB-2020-13): Currently on our list to be demolished in the next round of BD&SR funding demolitions. An end-user came forth with an interest in potentially renovating the structure. Jody met with local contractor Danny Yahini who determined that the house would not be a feasible renovation candidate.
  - g. 98 W. Franklin Street, Nelsonville (LB-2018-03): A new end-user has applied for this property. A dilapidated house used to occupy this property, but was demolished in the Group J demos in Fall 2022.
  - h. 30 Cross Street, Glouster (LB-2019-42): A recently acquired property with a house that we believe to be a good candidate for renovation. Several potential end-users have applied for this property and have been taken on walk-throughs of the house.
2. Ohio Land Bank Association 2023 Dues.
    - i) The yearly membership fee is \$500.00 and we would like to sponsor the OLBA Land Bank Conference in the amount of \$500.00.
  3. Maintenance repairs for the Ditty Box (60 Main Street, Glouster)
    - i) We received a quote from Mike Smith of Smitty's Interior & Exterior in the amount of \$5,000.00 for maintenance repairs at 60 Main Street to prevent further dilapidation.
  4. **Contract with J.L. Uhrig & Associates for annual Hinkle filing**
  5. Disposition Action:  
No disposition action this month.

6. New Projects:

<b>Taxes Owed</b>	<b>Last Pymt</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Owner Name</b>	<b>Property Address</b>

No new projects this month.

A. Scheduling of next meeting: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

B. Adjournment