

Madison County Land Bank

May 4, 2023

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Mark Forrest

Tony Xenikis

Shannon Treynor

Rex Castle

Stacey McKenzie

Jason Stanford

Welcome

Mark Forrest welcomed everyone who could make the meeting and started the meeting at 10:05.

Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mark Forrest asked for a motion to approve March 30 meeting minutes. Rex Castle made a motion to approve. Tony Xenikis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recap of the Ohio Land Bank Conference

- David found there were many communities that utilized grant funding specifically for projects and focused on demolitions, especially newly established land banks. The land bank most similar to Madison County, or what Madison County should aspire to be, is Ross County. David made connections with the director of the Ross County Land Bank, which would send information along regarding nuisance language, etc.
- The Ohio Land Bank Association believes that there will be money available for demolition through the Ohio budget, which should be passed in late June. Ohio land banks should be a recipient of those funds, especially the ones that are allocated to each county.
- The Ohio Land Bank has a new executive director, and he will be visiting all Land Banks across the state.

Preparing for Demolition Dollars

David stated that the County will need to open a fund to receive grant funds when they are released. Stacey McKenzie stated that through the county's existing relationship with Huntington Bank, an account could be opened there. There was a discussion about how much would be made available and where it would come from. David Kell stated that through past conversations, a \$5k-\$10k loan could be provided by the Commissioners.

Organization Next Steps

David Kell will work with Stacey McKenzie to open a bank account at Huntington, and communities should begin to start identifying properties that could be demolished with the state money that will come down.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be June 29, 2023 in the Madison County Conference Room at the courthouse.