

Madison County Land Bank

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023

In attendance:

Stacey McKenzie

Jason Stanford

Andy Drake

Rex Castle

Welcome

David Kell welcomed everyone who could make the meeting and started the meeting at 10:02.

Approval of May 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

David Kell asked for a motion to approve May 4, 2023 meeting minutes. Andy Drake made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Stacey McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Ohio Demolition Dollars – David stated that he did not have an update regarding ODOD demolition dollars. He hoped to have more updates by the next meeting in August. He talked to other land banks and the Ohio Land Bank Association, but they didn't have any insight at this time.
- Update from the Treasurer's Office – Stacey McKenzie noted that she may have identified DTAC dollars that could become available to the land bank on an annual basis, and the dollars that she identified would not directly affect the Treasurer's dollars or the Prosecutor's dollars. Stacey stated that she would update the board regularly regarding these dollars.
- Village of West Jefferson – David Kell is going to engage West Jefferson and it appears that they will sign an MOU with the Madison County Land Bank in mid to late August. Once West Jefferson signs the MOU, all communities will be a part of the Land Bank.
- Nuisance Properties - David has had conversations with South Solon, Mt. Sterling and London regarding properties that have been identified as nuisance, either because of a disaster like a fire or general nuisance issues. David Kell distributed information from Ross County/Chillicothe which helped clearly identify what a nuisance property is. David asked if communities around the table (London, Mt. Sterling or Plain City) have language to address nuisance properties. There was a general belief that language in our local communities is not very strict and that there could be better language put into place. David asked that all communities start identifying nuisance properties and properties that could be razed with the dollars provided by the state. Plain City, London, Mt. Sterling and West Jefferson have all stated they have properties that they can add to the database. David stated that the list/database will become more important as we move closer towards the dollars being available.

Additional Discussions

- Board members in attendance discussed a contractor list for demolitions. Andy Drake asked if London would be willing to share who did the demolition of the old school. Rex Castle said he would.

With no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned.