

**TREECE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TRUST  
MEETING OF JULY 25, 2011  
1:00 PM CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

Meeting called to order by: Chairman Gene Bicknell

Roll call: Dahmen, McBride, Bicknell, Hamilton, Delmont

Staff: Bob Jurgens, Tim Wilson

Legal: Wm. Morin

MMSC (McBride/Delmont) to approve the minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Payment status:** Dahmen reported funds had been received from the EPA covering the request of July 14<sup>th</sup>, and that all obligations of the Trust were current.

**City Phase-Out:** Pam Pruitt & Bill Morin reported Mr. Morin has the documents ready for endorsement by the Trust, transferring the assets of the City of Treece to the Trust. Morin expressed there were still some outstanding issues, such as potential tax income items and the handling thereof, will probably need an Attorney General's opinion. Pruitt reported the final pay-off of the outstanding bond obligations of the City, had been calculated by the bonding company(s) for payment on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Utility Services Shut-Down:** John Houser of RWD #3 said the RWD would be willing to provide water for a couple of days for those unable to move by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion ensued whereby the water and sewer system should both be shut down on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Appraisal Status:** Jurgens reported that only one parcel is left to be appraised on a home that is actually utilized as a storage building.

**Residential Check-out Status:** Jurgens reported he had inspected three today; Pousch, Drake, Truster.

**Complete Title of SW Mo.:** Jurgens and Morin are preparing a letter to Sterling Title. Sterling management is slow in cooperating with the Trust in getting the issues of Complete Title resolved.

**Vacant Lots:** Ten lots have been purchased by the Trust. The three parcels having owner location problems are nearing resolution. V-28; V-31; & V-34. Tim Wilson reported he has located the owner of V-28 in Miami, OK, and an offer letter has been sent to him and accepted. V-31, Sidney Michaels has been located in Eureka Springs, AR and has expressed interest in the buyout, with an offer letter having already been sent. V-34 Harold Whited, has not been located, however his son has been located. Tim remains hopeful on this owner. Dan Ashworth is the only property owner yet to be located, but efforts will continue.

**Public Comment:** Judy Blunk appeared before the Trustees, submitting a cost estimate from her plumber for plumbing work at their new location. Jurgens indicated the closing company (First American Title) will have to pay those costs from proceeds (approx. \$2,900). Blunk to provide documentation to Jurgens.

Jurgens shared he had chatted with Vanderbilt Mortgage Company about the lien on the land under the Blunk's property in Treece. Vanderbilt doesn't know if they can transfer the lien from the Treece property to the new location south of Columbus. If so, they would require a \$3,000 fee for the paperwork. Mrs. Blunk indicated she had title insurance work completed on the new location. Jurgens is to obtain a copy of said insurance and share it with Vanderbilt to see if that would satisfy them.

**Water Service:** RWD #3 submitted a bid to cut and cap lines outside of the city of Treece. \$2,750.

MMSC (Dahmen/McBride) to accept the bid of RWD # 3 for the capping services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MMSC (McBride/Delmont) to submit an expenditure request to EPA in the amount of \$21,916.98 for the acquisition of properties: ORM-011; V-09; V-16; V-23; S-11; and \$9,675 for operating expenses relating to appraisals and utility terminations.

**Auction:** Scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, with a large number of items for sale. See Attached list.

**Kansas Gas Service:** KGS has expressed concern about possible gas leaks when water is shut off and water heaters are drained. Jurgens is working with them to coordinate the discontinuance of gas service to homes as they are made available to the Trust.

MMSC (Delmont/McBride) to go into executive session for 20 minutes from 1:40 to 2:00, to discuss property acquisition.

Time being of the essence, the Trustees went back into regular session at 2:00.

MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton) to authorize the chairman to execute the Asset Purchase Agreement between the City of Treece and the Treece Relocation Assistance Trust.

**MMSC** (McBride/Hamilton) to offer S-06 the .46/sf value with partial allocation to the storage building located on said tract.

**Next Meetings:** August 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am; August 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am, both at the Court House.  
MMSC (Dahmen/McBride) to adjourn.

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Jim Dahmen, Secretary July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011