

**TREECE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TRUST
MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2011
CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
11:00 A M**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gene Bicknell

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

Staff: Jurgens, Wilson

Legal: Morin

MMSC (McBride/Hamilton) to approve the minutes of the 7/25/11 meeting.

Old Business:

Payment Status: Dahmen reported all obligations have been met, with bank balances of \$93,039.25 in Exchange State Bank, and \$26,025.36 in the American Bank.

Invoices: Dahmen submitted invoices from Crawford County Abstract in the Amount of \$4,146.00, and \$52.60 for copying services by Dahmen.

MMSC (McBride/Hamilton) to approve the invoices.

KDHE Report: Report sent to Governors office and the Legislature covering a 3 month and one month period was provided to the Trustees. Up to 6/30/11, Trust expenses were \$181,019; Income of \$55,866; Grant proceeds were, \$2.5 million; KDHE expenditures to date \$382,019; Fed fund expenditures of \$171,000. Total expenditures of approx. \$2.5 million.

Closings left to do??: 8 vacant lots, and 8 in process but not closed upon. Referred to 8/8/11 city of Treece map showing more red (properties acquired by the Trust). Jurgens indicated we may have to approach county for a tax sale on the vacant lots the Trust has not been able to obtain a response from owners owing back taxes. Jurgens further indicated we should have funds left over for demolition.

City Closing: Wm. Morin & Pam Pruitt reported the Bill of Sale and Warranty Deed were ready to be filed transferring the property to the Trust. Morin also stated he had chatted with Representative Gatewood who volunteered to pre-file a bill authorizing the dissolution of the City of Treece for the January session. Pam reported that all city records would be stored at the Cherokee County Court House. She further reported that one outstanding bond remains in the amount of \$36,000 plus interest from July 1st. Leftover cash will be transferred to the Township.

Auction August 13th: Jurgens shared the Auction Flyer with the Trustees.

Baird Sale: Jurgens reported the Baird mobile home had been burned over the weekend, and that he had informed the Baird's that we would not be buying a burned out mobile home, but would buy the lot.

Jerry Brandon: Has refused to move (claiming a leg infection) even though the water has been turned off. The remaining supply in the water tower will end shortly, and then he will have to move. Sewer lift station will be turned off this coming Friday. Tom Dobson will be contacted to shut down the lift station equipment properly. Jurgens reported the Trust will need to fill in the lift station with rock. He also shared the lagoon would need to be capped properly, and he is working with other KDHE personnel on this issue. It was suggested the water tower be drained this week, prior to the 13th sale.

Empire District Electric Co. has been in contact with Morin on the matter of City municipal bills. Kansas Gas Service is keeping up with capping lines as people move out.

Three properties are still occupied in the City of Treece.

Residential Checkouts: Three were done last week; Wood's, Lamb's, and Crossland's. Four to be looked at today.

Vacant Lots/Non-Respondents: Possible court proceedings on those properties we have contact names for, with offer proceeds going into an escrow account held by the courts for some future settlement. Morin to report further on alternative action at next meeting.

Complete Title issues: Latham sent an e-mail to Jurgens, with Jurgens confident a settlement will be forthcoming. Jurgens has verified that \$6,000 remains in the firms escrow account, and should be returned to the Trust at settlement.

Auction: Discussion was held relating to the City maintenance equipment and how it was to be moved at the sale. It was the Trustee's feelings that the buyer is responsible for moving the property purchased, just as in any other public auction.

Vacant Lots: Already discussed above.

Expenditure Request submission: MMSC (Dahmen/McBride) to submit a reimbursement request to EPA for \$34,578.45, covering the acquisition of NR-03; S-07; V-19; V-28; V-31.

Deadline on Vacant Lots: Chairman Bicknell asked this topic to be placed on the agenda for 8/18.

Hart Offer: (V-30). Lot was owned by deceased father. Heirs asked Jurgens if they could file an application. Jurgens encouraged them to do so.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Blunk and the England's indicated that Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. says they only need one more document, that being an appraisal of the lots they have moved their mobile homes to.

MMSC (Dahmen/Delmont) to authorize the Blunk's and the England's to engage McColm Appraisal Services to appraise the two tracts as bare ground to satisfy the requirements of Vanderbilt, with the appraisal invoices to be sent to the Trust.

Note: Jurgens was asked to contact Vanderbilt and verify that this is truly the last document they need.

MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton) to authorize the partial release of funds by the closing company to assist Wanda England in paying their contractors (\$14,783.18), with the authorized amount not to exceed the amount of the offer letter.

Next Meetings: 8/18/11; 8/29/11 both at 11:00 AM.

MMSC (McBride/Dahmen) to adjourn.