

MINUTES
TREECE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TRUST
MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2011
CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
11:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Betty McBride
Roll Call: McBride, Dahmen, Hamilton, Delmont, Bicknell (via conference)
Staff: Jurgens, Wilson
Legal: Morin
Guest: Brian Burnett, EPA
MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting.

Financial Report: Dahmen reported all current obligations have been paid. Bank balances are: \$23,806.53 in American Bank; \$103,159.10 in Exchange State Bank.

Buy-Out Expenditure Request: Jurgens shared the status and total dollar amount for the following properties: V-17 Ashworth; V-18 Ashworth; V-34 Whited; V-08 Lamb. All properties being vacant lots. \$10,626.00
MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to submit to EPA a request in the amount of \$10,626.00.

Jurgens shared that 3 vacant lots remain to be acquired, and that possibly the Verla Baird property may become available. Attorney Morin interjected that in some cases, the cost of clearing a title may be greater than accepting an Affidavit of Ownership.
MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton) to have the Trust accept an Affidavit of Ownership on lots requiring more legal expense than reasonable, just to get a clear title.

Water Easements: No report.

Complete Title of SW Missouri: Morin reported he had not heard back from the new owners of CT of SW Mo. Morin has a call into the Missouri Department of Insurance. No return calls yet. He has informed CT of SW Mo of the Trusts intent to file a complaint with the Missouri Dept of Insurance on Monday 10/17/11.

Letter to KS Attorney Generals office: Morin has a draft letter prepared.
MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to authorize our attorney to complete the letter and send same to the Kansas Attorney General for an opinion on whether the Trust is the eligible recipient of funds directed to the City of Treece from various sources.

Report on Stolen items: No report from the Sheriffs office.

Vacant Lot Status: Handled earlier in meeting.

Highway 69 Appraisals: The Trust has received a letter from EPA, dated 10/13/11, encouraging the Trust to acquire four properties along US 69 Highway. Much discussion was held, with action anticipated later after a letter of clarification is received from EPA.

Demolition RFP: Jurgens assured the Trustees it would go out next week. The RFP will include asbestos removal requirements. Asbestos inspection is underway, with reports being due in three weeks. As of today, 15 properties have been sampled. Notices of the RFP will be inserted in all area newspapers.

Street Demolition: Jurgens shared concerns of KDHE relating to the milling down of Kansas Avenue from Weber Road to Picher Street. This street provides access to the Della Busby property. If it is milled, possible exposure to chat base material may occur. **MMSC (Dahmen/Hamilton) to not mill Kansas Avenue from Weber Road to Picher Street, and provide an easement on the street right of way to Della Busby, with said easement containing a Right of Transfer Restriction.**

Long-Term Ownership of Property: Agenda item only. Action to be addressed later.

Draft Bill in KS House/Senate: The draft bill was reviewed by the Trustees and legal counsel. Morin was asked to contact Rep. Doug Gatewood to discuss the language.

Executive Session: None required.

Morin inquired as to his response to an inquiry relating to the December pay-off **obligation on bonds** issued by the City of Treece. Discussion concluded the obligation was a buy-out account expense.

Auction: Three mobile homes remain. Sealed bids will be accepted via solicitation of persons attending previous auctions. Other items may be offered at a later date.

Empire District Electric Co.: Tim Wilson reported he had met with EDE on service and pole removal. All empire owned poles will be removed (pulled up) and hauled off by EDE.

Next Meetings: October 31st 11:00 Cherokee County Court House
November 28th 11:00 “ “ “ “

MMSC (Dahmen/Hamilton) to adjourn.

Jim Dahmen, Secretary, 10/13/11