

**Minutes of the  
Treece Relocation Assistance Trust  
December 15, 2011  
Cherokee County Court House, 11:00 am**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gene Bicknell

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

Staff: Jurgens

Legal: Morin

**MMSC** (McBride/Delmont) to approve the minutes of the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Payment Status:** Dahmen reported all obligations are current. Invoices submitted are Crawford County Abstract for \$2,561; Crawford County Abstract for \$6,072 for payment of V-29. Bank balances of; \$16,525.00 at American Bank, and \$171,175.54 at Exchange State Bank. Dahmen also submitted the draft audit report from Diehl, Banwort & Bolton

**MMSC** (Delmont/McBride) to approve the financial report.

**Sale of Two Trailers:** TRAT received a check for \$326.50 from KDHE as reimbursement on the sale of two mobile homes.

**EPA Submission:** Jurgens reported the following needs; \$4,457 for closing services; \$3,751 as a balance for asbestos inspections (Previously, \$25,000 had been approved). Total submission to EPA shall be \$8,208.00

**MMSC** (McBride/Hamilton) to approve the amount to submit to EPA for \$14,605.33.

**Demolition:** **MMSC** (Hamilton abstained) (McBride/Delmont) to approve B-3 Construction as contractor for asphalt and concrete removal, on the condition said company meets all of the specifications outlined in the bid solicitation and contract. NOTE: Kingston Construction had been the original company to receive this contract, however declined to sign the contract offered by the Trust.

**Demolition Inspectors Introduced:** C. Randall Johnson and Martin M. O'Brien, both of KDHE will be the onsite inspectors for demolition contract compliance.

**Complete Title of SW Missouri:** Morin reported a letter is being prepared to send to the Missouri Insurance Secretary. Morin also indicated that he had not contacted the Missouri Governor's office. As soon as we communicate with the Secretary of Insurance, we will know if the firm had/has a bond. McBride expressed some concern there may be some real estate tax issues on the properties assigned for closing by SW Missouri Title. The Trust must take the responsibility for verifying that all costs relating to the 5 or 6 properties assigned to SWMOT, be covered.

**Vacant Lot Status:** Two properties remain to determine the location of the owners. Jurgens reported the titles are in the name of Wiles on one and Finn on the other. Morin stated he was analyzing tax payments and has discovered a number of vacant records. He plans on filing for tax exemptions on those under our ownership before 12/20/11. Morin to check with the CK Co. Treasurers office to see if those tax records and amounts can be filled in.

**MMSC** (McBride/Hamilton) to authorize legal counsel to sign the tax exemption applications on behalf of the Trust.

**Gary McCoy Request:** McCoy has asked Bob Jurgens to inquire of the Trust, if we would be willing to leave the existing asphalt roads located on three sides of his property on the north edge of Treece?

**MMSC (McBride/Hamilton)** to refuse the request on the grounds of our attempt to be consistent with our land reclamation.

**Long-Term Ownership:** Representatives from Woods Marketing; Sam Freeman, and Treece Holiness Church (Baxter Bank) expressed a desire to visit with the Trust.

Sam Freeman asked if the Trust would buy a mobile home occupying about one acre of an 80 acre tract currently being rehabilitated by EPA, and allow him to retain the land.

Jim Woods asked if the Trust would let him know when we were going make the final decision relating to his property (see previous minutes for further details)

Discussion on HWY69: Discussion revolved around the merits or non-merits of acquiring the property located up to 1,500 north of the state line. The matter was left for further consideration.

**Water Easements:** CK RWD #3 This is an agenda item for later handling.

**Stolen Items Report:** Jurgens stated he had not received any report from the Cherokee County Sheriff.

**MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont)** to go into executive session from 12:10 to 12:30 pm, with Allen Moore of Lyon Township invited to attend. Purpose is to discuss the solicitation of the Columbus Fire Dept for fire run reimbursement, and the matter of acquiring properties along US 69 Highway.

Time being of the essence, the Trustees went back into regular session at 12:30.

**MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton)** to modify the Operating Plan and the By-Laws of the Trust, to allow the Trust to consider acquiring designated properties on U.S. 69, and submit said recommended modifications to the Governor's Office and Legislative Leadership for approval.

**MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont)** to have the Trust pay the first half of 2012 real estate taxes with said funds coming from the operating account.

**MMSC (McBride/Hamilton)** to adjourn.

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Jim Dahmen, Secretary 12/15/11