

**Treece Relocation Assistance Trust Meeting
Of
January 5, 2012
Cherokee County Court House; 11:00 a.m.**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Betty McBride

Roll Call: Dahmen, McBride, Delmont, Hamilton, Bicknell (Teleconference)

Staff: Jurgens

Legal: Morin

MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the minutes of 12/15/11

Payment Status: Dahmen reported bank balances of: Exchange Bank: \$140,084.43; American Bank: \$25,059.03. He also submitted invoices of \$43.60 for copying; \$196.52 on 2010 taxes on the Huston (ORM-013) property the closing company failed to pay at closing.

MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the financial report and the invoices submitted.

First ½ of 2011 taxes: Jurgens reported the first half taxes on the property the Trust owns is estimated to be \$4,505.22 and the Trust has all but \$1,802.98 in the accounts from prorated tax collection from the property closings. In addition, Morin reported he had sent Rep. Gatewood revisionary language for the draft bill being submitted reflecting the vacation of Treece's charter and plat. The language also includes a provision to statutorily exempt properties owned by the Trust. Cherokee County Appraiser Nancy Herronbruck joined the meeting to further explain the process of applying for an exemption (application, deeds, and a filing fee). The application goes to the County Appraiser for her signature. She in turn submits it to the Court of Tax Appeals. Based on the discussion, the potential exists for the Trust to file one deed if we had all the property surveyed with a new, comprehensive legal description, describing all the tracts, and submitting it under that one deed. General consensus was to wait to see if the proposed legislation would pass. Nancy also indicated the Treece Appraisal Reevaluation took into the account the property purchased by the Trust are all vacant and the 2012 valuation will reflect the change in use.

Buy-Out Expenditure request: The December 15, 2011 Expenditure Request had an error in the V-39/Baird calculation and requires a request to EPA for \$3,203.44 to make the correction.

MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to submit said amount to EPA for recovery.

Demolition Status: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan has been approved by KDHE's Bureau of Water. B-3 Construction can now begin demolition. Asbestos remediation has started. Barr & Gilmore properties were burned by arsonists and due to the asbestos the debris is being hauled to Wichita for disposal. Jurgens reported a sink hole was discovered near the water tower and is being examined for repair.

Vacant Lot Status: Two properties remain to be purchased, but staff has been unable to track down the owner/heirs (Wiles & Finn). Both properties have many years of back taxes due, and Jurgens suggested we contact the County Commissioner about a tax sale on these two. The Trust had previously agreed to pay for all expenses relating to the sale.

Phase III Highway 69 Properties & Program Revisions: Jurgens requested an executive session to discuss property acquisition. Jurgens further reported he had submitted (12/23/11) the Program Plan revisions to the Governors Office and was awaiting approval.

Complete Title Issue: Jurgens reported he had visited with Vicky Bronson the wife of the deceased owner of Complete Title and was given assurance she would take care of the matter.

MMSC (Dahmen/Delmont) to have our attorney send a letter to all the parties involved giving them a 30 day notice for resolution, and that a copy of the letter be submitted to the Missouri Attorney General.

MMSC (Delmont/Bicknell) to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss land values and acquisition costs on the properties under consideration along Highway 69. Time: 12:00 to 12:20.

Time being of the essence, the Trustees went back into regular session at 12:20.

MMSC (Bicknell/Delmont) to authorize staff to proceed with preparing offering letters to the owners of properties: ORM-41; S-15; NR-6; NR-7.

Next Meetings: January 26, 11:00 a.m.; and February 9, 11:00 a.m.

MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to adjourn.

Jim Dahmen, Secretary 1/5/12