

# Minutes of the Treece Relocation Assistance Trust

November 21, 2013; 11:00 am - Cherokee County Courthouse

Meeting was called to order by Chair Gene Bicknell

Roll call: Betty McBride, Eddie Hamilton, John Delmont, Jr. and Gene Bicknell

Attendees: Bob Jurgens, KDHE; Rod Edmondson, County Clerk (portions of the meeting); Bill Morin, Trust Legal Counsel

**MMSC 4-0** (Hamilton, Delmont) to approve the October 3, 2013 meeting minutes.

**Payment Status:** McBride reported bank balances of \$10,467.47 in American Bank and \$45,411.65 in Exchange State Bank. Trust expenses were presented for payment approval.

**MMSC 4-0:** (Delmont, Hamilton) to accept the report and payment requests.

**Receipts:** No payment from Blunks. KDHE sent a late payment notice on 11/13/13 indicating \$501.76 is past due. Morin will send a request for payment to the Blunks.

**Buyout expenditure requests:** None

**Financial Audit:** A financial audit of the Trust's July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 fiscal year financial statements was received from Diehl, Banwart, Bolton CPA of Fort Scott, Kansas. Jurgens will submit copies to the Governor's Office, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. No action items were presented in the audit.

**MMSC 4-0:** (McBride, Delmont) to accept the audit as presented.

**Property update:** No new purchases. Carl Dean Wiles contacted Morin twice indicating he would sign the V-33 property purchase paperwork. The paperwork was not received as of November 21<sup>st</sup>. A deadline of December 5<sup>th</sup> was to be provided to Wiles to complete the purchase. *Note: Paperwork was received on 11/21/13.*

**2013 Cherokee County Tax Sale:** A county tax sale has been set by Cherokee County for December 16, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. Three Treece Parcels within the former city limits are up for auction. Once the TRA Trust has purchased all available property, an environmental use control must be completed and approved by KDHE for all Trust-owned property in or adjacent to the city limits prior to final land disposition. A late January/early February auction date will be set for all TRA Trust-owned land.

**MMSC 4-0:** (McBride, Hamilton) The Trustees formally acknowledge Rod Edmondson's continued efforts as a liaison between the Trust and the Cherokee County Commission and Counselor, specifically in helping provide information to all parties regarding the upcoming tax sale.

**Cherokee County RWD #3:** No update has been provided for Cherokee County RWD #3's petition for Treece Relocation properties to be added to their rural water district. Jurgens contacted Jon Houser, Cherokee County RWD #3 and their attorney for an update. Houser indicated he would check with legal counsel, but no update was provided as of November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NR-7 - Jim Woods Marketing:** B-3 Construction completed work in October to remove additional raised concrete pads/walls from the Jim Woods Marketing property to better prepare the lot for placement of the Treece Historical Marker. Trustees are concerned about the drop off on the side of the concrete pad. Jurgens will evaluate options for safety. McBride, Delmont, Hamilton, Morin and Jurgens visited the site to look at the final cleanup work and identify the preferred location for the historical marker. No additional Trust matters were discussed during the site visit.

**Historical Marker:** Crossland Construction, Columbus, Kansas has offered to donate the construction/installation of protective bollards to help protect the historical marker.

**Sewage Lagoon Closure:** The former sewage lagoons previously filled with contaminated soil excavated for the relocation properties and capped with clean soil have been graded and seeded in preparation for final closure. KDHE Bureau of Water indicated revegetation shall be complete and approved prior to closing the permit.

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit:** A request for Notice of Termination (NOT) was submitted in June 2013. No formal approval had not been received as of November 21<sup>st</sup>. A permit fee notice was received by the Trust. Jurgens is to check the NOT status. *Note: KDHE's Bureau of Water acknowledged on 11/22/13 the NOT request is officially approved and no additional permit fees are owed by the TRA Trust.*

**Complete Title of SW Missouri:** Morin was requested to send Brett Loethen, the former owner of Sterling Title a written request to pay escrow money owed from the projects formerly managed by Complete Title of SW Missouri.

**Next Meeting:** January 16, 2014: 11:00 am, Break Room, Garden Level, Cherokee County Court House.

*Minutes Prepared by Bob Jurgens, KDHE*

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Betty McBride, Vice Chairperson

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Approval Date