

**Treece Relocation Assistance Trust  
Meeting of May 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m.  
Cherokee County Court House**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Betty McBride  
Attendance: McBride, Dahmen, Hamilton, Delmont & Bicknell via teleconference  
Legal Counsel: Bill Morin  
Staff: Bob Jurgens, Ryan Singer  
MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the minutes of 4/5/11

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Offers to purchase status:** Jurgens; No new applications, have one renter app, Jerry Brandon & Michelle Barnes

**MMSC (Delmont/Bicknell)** to submit an expense request to EPA in the amount of \$6,282.40 covering R-07 for \$5,232.04 & OR-M-03 revision of \$1,050.36.

**Auction Results:** Jurgens reported a great turnout, resulting in sales of \$27,031. Jurgens reported the result of individual sales as reflected on the Phase I report provided today. Next auction is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> on 5 mobile homes and 13 wood-framed structures.

**MMSC (Dahmen/Delmont)** to put the homes that did not sell on the first auction, on the June 11<sup>th</sup> auction.

**MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton)** to approve the invoices submitted of \$50 from Frazier appraisals, \$49.00 from Jim Dahmen for copies, \$3,810 from Bill Morin for legal services, \$1,750 from Chestnutt & Chestnutt for auction services (\$1,000 for the day & \$750 for advertising).

**Vacant Lots issue:** KDHE staff has all the names and addresses of owners of vacant lots. Offer letters will be going out to those owners next week.

Applications anticipated: Stan Underhill owner of the former City Hall/Jail; and Baxter State Bank on property along US 69 Highway.

**Q&A from public attendees:** McBride; What environmental liability does the Trust have relating to the Woods Petroleum property? Does the Trust have to purchase the property? Initial response from Bill Morin was that the seller retains the cleanup liability. The consensus of the Trustees was that Morin should investigate this issue, as well as the authority the EPA, Region 6, may have over the Kansas statute establishing the Trust.

**Phase II Appraisal status:** Six owners have accepted, two additional offers have been sent out.

**Bobby Hunt Sr. issue:** Mr. Hunt feels our offer does not cover \$8,000 liability as a first time home buyer, (He must reimburse said amount if he moves out within three years). The matter was referred to executive session.

**Residential cleanup inspections:** One done on Jan Leatherman property last Friday, with two more this coming week.

**MMSC (Hamilton/Dahmen)** to set July 1, 2011 as the deadline for applications from occupied residential structures.

MMSC (Bicknell/Dahmen) to set September 1, 2011 as the deadline for applications from owners of empty lots.

**Demolition RFP status:** Not ready for review yet.

MMSC (Delmont/ Hamilton) to approve KDHE staff to utilize existing asbestoses contractors to inspect buildings for demolition purposes.

MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton) to have the Trust provide one additional dumpster, utilizing the contractor the City of Treece currently uses.

**Water line capping:** Matter referred to executive session.

**Renter inquiry:** Tiffany Tush. Matter referred to executive session.

**OR-M-11/England:** Moving costs will be below the total cost offered of \$79,577.20, less pro-rated taxes.

MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to approve the costs.

MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the removal of items identified on the appropriate form submitted to KDHE, from the England's.

John Houser of RWD inquired as to any movement on the matter of discontinuing water service by Treece. Discussion ensued with the matter still remaining with questions to the County Attorney.

MMSC (Hamilton/Bicknell) to go into executive session from 12:30 to 1:15, for the purpose of discussing offers and cost figures, with the Trust attorney, regarding water line capping costs, renter reimbursement costs for Tiffany Tush, mobile home property restrictions and the legal question of accepting some Treece customers into the RWD system.

**Time being of the essence, the Trustees went back into regular session at 1:15**

MMSC (Dahmen/Hamilton) to authorize a maximum of \$1,000 per household unit for moving expenses of a documented renter, dwelling in a home, with final determination of qualifications to be determined by the Trust.

MMSC (Delmont/Bicknell) to proceed with the capping of all waterlines, serving all property line connections to properties acquired by the Trust.

MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to deny the request of Richard Fry to retain ownership of one lot in the City of Treece. (Mr. Fry had made the request for sentimental reasons).

**Next Meetings: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM; June 10<sup>th</sup>; 2:00 PM; June 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM.**

MMSC (Dahmen/Hamilton) to adjourn.