

Rochester Land Bank Corporation
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024
City Hall, Room 223B
30 Church St, Rochester, NY 14614

Board Members Present: Erik Frisch, Carol Wheeler, John Fornof, Kurt Martin, James Smith and Eric Van Dusen

Board Members Absent: LaShay Harris

Non-Board Members Present: Paul Scuderi, Andrew Creary, Rianne Mitchell and Cindy Castillo

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Erik Frisch.

James Smith made a motion to elect Kurt Martin as Secretary Pro-Tem; John Fornof seconded. The motion was approved by the Board at 3:03 pm.

James Smith moved that the minutes from the last meeting held April 18, 2024 be approved; Kurt Martin seconded. The motion was approved by the board at 3:04 pm.

John Fornof presented the **Treasurer's Report and the Cash Disbursement Report for the month of May 2024**. The Treasurer's Report for the month of April classified the disbursements for the month and reported the revenue received for the month of May.

All reports were distributed to all members for review.

The first item on the agenda was **Resolution No. 10 of 2024 to Amend Resolution 10 of 2021 to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Rochester related to ARPA**. Paul Scuderi presented and discussed the Resolution and cause for the amendment.

James Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10 of 2024 to Amend Resolution 10 of 2021 to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Rochester related to ARPA; John Fornof seconded. The motion was approved by the Board at 3:08 pm.

The next item on the agenda was **Resolution No. 11 of 2024 to Enter into an Agreement for the City of Rochester to act as Construction Manager for the Rehabilitate the Dream (RTD) program**. Paul Scuderi presented the Resolution and provided detailed information about the agreement with the City of Rochester for the RTD program and their capacity as Construction Manager. Rianne Mitchell also provided details of the program.

James Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2024 to Enter into an Agreement for the City of Rochester to act as Construction Manager for the Rehabilitate the Dream program; Carol Wheeler seconded. The motion was approved by the Board at 3:14 pm.

The next item on the agenda was **Resolution No. 12 of 2024 to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Rochester to Administer the Home Electrification and Revitalization Opportunity (HERO) Program**. Paul Scuderi presented the Resolution and provided the detailed information of the HERO program and its use by the RLBC. Kurt Martin discussed in detail his concerns about the costs of full electrification and the uncertainty of its long-term benefits to residents.

Eric Van Dusen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12 of 2024 to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Rochester to Administer the Home Electrification and Revitalization Opportunity (HERO) Program; John Fornof seconded. The motion was approved by the board at 3:26 pm.

The board discussed the items noted on the meeting agenda. None required board action.

The first item of Discussion on the agenda was the **NYS Budget Updates**. Rianne Mitchell provided an update of the 2025 NYS Budget and the additional funding that is being provided for NY Land Banks.

Andrew Creary then provided an update to the Board of the State Revisions for Foreclosure procedures within the State of New York and its limited effect on Rochester's Land Bank.

Rianne Mitchell reminded all members of the upcoming NYLBA Conference scheduled in July in Oswego, NY.

John Fornof then discussed the plans to push forward to complete the new Strategic Plan.

Erik Frisch brought the discussion to a close. John Fornof made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kurt Martin seconded, all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "John D. A.", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary