



HOUSING AUTHORITY
Minutes – May 4, 2022
In person at Planning Office
and via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair Schulz called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Members present in person: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz, Billy Bob Grahm, Michelle Ponkauskas, Supervisor Bill Wilson
Members present via ZOOM: Jason Heidenreich

Rock County Staff present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director)
Others present: Todd Mandel, via Zoom (Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development)

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Grahm made a motion to approve. Ms. Ponkauskas seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held April 6, 2022: Mr. Grahm made a motion to approve. Ms. Ponkauskas seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Action Item: Consideration of Recertification of HOME Consortium with City of Beloit and City of Janesville (2023-2025): Andrew briefly explained the benefits have having the consortium, which is described in the letter from Jennifer in the packet. Mr. Grahm made a motion to approve. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Status Update Regarding Goals in Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Document

A. **Update on Tenant Legal Aid Position - Contract via Humans Services Department:**
Supervisor Schulz noted the new attorney for Legal Action has been hired.

B. **Status of Two Resolutions Introduced to County Board Related to Housing Services (To Board on 2/24/22 for potential action):**

Andrew noted that Human Services is working on hiring the homelessness prevention

coordinator position. When the position is filled, the new staff person will take on the additional programs that have been initially earmarked for funding by the County Board.

Status of Program Implementation and Outreach Efforts

Update regarding vacant property at 170 S Franklin St, Janesville:

Todd gave the group an update. The appraised is low enough that the owners accountant said a donation would not have much financial benefit. WPHD is pursuing a possible below market sale.

Todd also noted that WPHD is working in partnership with ECHO to use Janesville Rescue Plan Act funds to build six units of affordable housing. WPHD will own the property, but there will be a master lease authorizing ECHO to manage it and work with tenants.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics

Supervisor Schulz asked for continued updates in June.

Adjournment:

Mr. Grahn made the motion to adjourn at 9:58 am. Mr. Heidenreich seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Next meeting: 6/1/2022 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Baker, Director