



**HOUSING AUTHORITY
Minutes – January 3, 2024
Planning Department Conference Room
2nd Floor Rock County Courthouse
51 S Main St, Janesville, WI 53545
And Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: Chair Schulz called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:01 AM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Members present in person: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz and Billy Bob Grahm

Members present via ZOOM: Katie Udell and Supervisor Bill Wilson

Rock County Staff present: Ilana Eisenberg (Office Coordinator) and Andrew Baker (Planning Director)

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve. Mr. Grahm seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held December 6, 2023: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve. Mr. Grahm seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Director Baker participated in a brief interview with WCLO about looking for new members to apply for the Housing Authority Committee. There was one application submitted and the window for applying closed yesterday.

Continued Discussion Regarding a Strategy for County Budgeted Funds for Affordable Housing:

Chair Schulz indicated she requested to set a meeting with Josh Smith (County Administrator) and James Otterstein (Economic Development Administrator) to discuss how the ARPA funds designated for housing could potentially be used. A need for guidelines to be set up along with identifying projects whether potential or currently supported but requiring additional funds. There is currently a multiphase project underway in Milton focusing on market rate housing. There is a project in Edgerton with is about to be underway to create new units. The YWCA has a project planned to create 15-20 units. An additional request was made to possible involve Sue Conley (State Assembly Representative), City of

Janesville, City of Beloit, Todd Mandel (WPHD), and Professor Deller (UW Extension) where deemed applicable. Staff will also get in contact with other municipalities to see what projects may be in the works.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics:

Conducting a survey and organizing participants to congregate for a meeting mid-February 2024. The request to check with the municipalities for developers in the area. A possible presentation to County Board in March 2024 to be set. Supervisor Wilson will confer with Chair Bostwick.

Adjournment:

Mr. Grahn made the motion to adjourn at 9:41 AM. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Next meeting: 02/07/2024 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ilana Eisenberg, Office Coordinator