Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 24, 2023
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Angela DeFelice (Vice-Chair), Brian Engles (Treasurer), Brian Martinez, Kari Rieser, Jordan Schinella, Eoin Wrafter (Secretary)

Excused /Absent: Susan Fortunato (Chair), Jacob Reckess, Heidi Seelbach

Others: Paul Hesse, member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Vice-Chair DeFelice, with a quorum of Directors present.

1. Roll Call/Introductions: Vice-Chair DeFelice opened the meeting and asked the secretary to do a roll call.

2. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only): None

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Board Meeting were approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. (Engles\Martinez)

4. Financial Statements: The monthly financial statements as of April were reviewed and presented to the Board. There were minor operating expenses and our current balance in our bank account at the end of April is $228,009.20. The Financial Statements were approved as presented.

5. Executive Director Search: The person that had recently expressed interest, withdrew their name from consideration. Paul Hesse notified CenterState and they are working on the recruitment efforts.

6. Logo\Branding: No updates

7. Updates
   a. New York State Land Bank Association Update: Land bank funding was included in the state budget at $10 million. NYLBA has tentatively agreed to hold their annual conference along side the Rural Housing Conference in Lake George, which is Sept. 18-20. The Land Bank conference would be all day Sept. 18th. Details are still being worked out. Paul will report more info as he learns it.
   b. CenterState CEO Work \ Survey: Paul reminded the board members to complete the survey if they hadn’t already and reminded everyone that the Board Retreat is on Tuesday starting at 9am.

8. Member Comments/Announcements: There was a discussion about the Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota case that is in front of the Supreme Court and what the implications to the land bank could be. It was discussed that it is too early to discuss in detail until a decision is delivered. A working group was suggested after the decision is released to discuss how to move forward.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Martinez, seconded by Reiser. The board voted unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.