Meeting Minutes: This document states the minutes before the Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board at their Public Hearing and Administrative meeting held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

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Members Present: Tom McLeay, Chairman
Jamie Berglund, Vice Chair
Ken Johnson
Cathy Lang
Scott Semrad
Randy Lenhoff
John Heine
Julie Stavneak
Diane Battiato

Members Not Present: Mike Riedmann
Julia Plucker
James Thele, Planning Director

Staff Present: Alan Thelen, City Law Department
Jennifer Taylor, City Law Department
Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary
PUBLIC MEETING:

Tom McLeay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00am, introduced the voting and non-voting board members, as well as the City staff. He stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is in effect and a copy is available in the room for review. He further stated that copies of the agenda are located in the back of the room. McLeay explained the procedures of the meeting.

Roll call was taken with 9 board members present (Mike Riedmann, Julia Plucker and James Thele were absent).

McLeay informed the public that a notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha Daily Record on July 29, 2015 and was verified by Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary.

McLeay stated that the Mutual of Omaha corporate grant agreement is $600,000.00; $200,000.00 for 2015 and 2016 and $100,000.00 for 2017 and 2018 for operational funding.

Motion by Cathy Lang to authorize McLeay, Chairman to sign the Mutual of Omaha grant agreement. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: Bergland, Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, McLeay
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

McLeay indicated that the Daugherty Foundation would like to see the 501(c)(3) designation in place. McLeay explained that correspondence was recently received from the IRS indicating the lack of the Articles of Corporation. McGrath North contacted the IRS and explained the situation and further indicated that the staff person at the IRS in Kentucky, who was assigned, had never done anything with an instrumentality and will need to research the issue. McLeay further stated that Syracuse Land Bank received a 501(c)(3) designation after reaching out to their congressional representative to push the IRS to make a decision and move forward.

Semrad addressed the Executive Director Finalist interviews by referring to Ted Ford Webb, consultant. Webb stated that he spent the past two months by actively recruiting candidates for the Executive Director position. He noted that the three candidates being interviewed were the result of intense recruiting.

Webb introduced each candidate; Brittany Jefferson, Chet Jackson and Mark Geise. Each candidate introduced themselves and explained their background, experience and talked broadly about their understanding of the circumstances and the approach they would take.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to go into Closed Session. Jamie Berglund seconded the motion.

AYES: Berglund, Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, McLeay
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
Motion by Randy Lenhoff to go to Open Session. Jamie Berglund seconded the motion.

AYES: Berglund, Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, McLeay
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by Scott Semrad to offer the Executive Director position to Brittany Jefferson. Jamie Berglund seconded the motion.

AYES: Berglund, Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, McLeay
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by Jamie Berglund to authorize Scott Semrad to negotiate on behalf of the Land Bank with Brittany Jefferson for salary, benefits and relocation to accept the position. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: Berglund, Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, McLeay
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary