

ALBANY DOUGHERTY LAND BANK

Official MINUTES

July 13, 2023, 5:00 pm
Utility Board Room
401 Pine Avenue
2nd Floor
Albany, GA 31701

PRESENT: Albert Etheridge, Jr.
Dontravious Simmons
Jim McBride
Larry Thomas

ABSENT: Thelma Adams-Johnson
Erick Williams
Jim Pace

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Forgey
Denise Clark
Angel Gray

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Larry Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair, Thomas roll called roll. The following members were present, Larry Thomas, Jim McBride, Dontravious Simmons, and Albert Etheridge. The following members were absent; Thelma Johnson (Excused), Jim Pace (Excused), and Erick Williams (Excused). Others in attendance, Nathan Davis, Paul Forgey, Denise Clark, and Angel Gray.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair, Larry Thomas called for the attending board to review the minutes of May 11, 2023, and called for a motion to accept the

minutes as submitted. Jim McBride motioned to accept the minutes of May 11, 2023, as submitted. Albert Ethridge seconded the motion. All approved.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Closing for July

Paul Forgey, presented to the board the dates for upcoming closings on properties. He advised the property located at 506 Azalea Blvd. is being purchased by the Land Bank and that closing date is set for July 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Mr. Forgey provided the board with the date for closing of 715 Crawford set as tentatively due to the purchaser having medical issues. He advised this property would be a owner finance for home ownership. The tentative closing date is July 26, 2023.

2. Contractor Progress on 706 N. Monroe & 425 Society

Paul Forgey provided a contractor update of progress on the properties owned by the Land Bank (donated by Phoebe). The contractor D&K Lawn began interior, exterior clean up, and lawn maintenance of the properties located at 706 N. Monroe and 425 Society. The contractors are expected to have the structures cleared out, properties mowed, and structures boarded by the end of the week. Mr. Forgey advised he and Angel Gray did a walk-through of the structures before the contractors began work and will follow up with a walk through after the work is completed. Mr. Forgey advised the properties will be marketed after cleaning up.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Applications for Tax Delinquent Properties

Paul Forgey presented five application requests for judicial tax abatement. Mr. Forgey provided a review of each property and applicant intent. The board provided the following votes for approving the applications to move forward with request for judicial tax abatement.

Albert Etheridge motioned to approve the application for Judicial Tax Abatement of properties; 509 Highland, 511 Highland, and

513 Highland. Motion seconded by Jim McBride. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the attending board.

Jim McBride motioned to approve the application for Judicial Tax Abatement of property located at 517 Highland. Motion seconded by Dontravious Simmons. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the attending board.

Jim McBride motioned to approve the application for Judicial Tax Abatement of property located at 1187 E Residence. Motion seconded by Albert Etheridge. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the attending board.

F. DISCUSSION

1. Land Bank Board of Directors Retreat

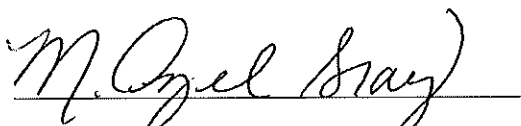
Vice Chair Thomas, called for open discussion of the proposed Board Retreat. Jim McBride advised the location and refreshments would be provided by Sherwood Baptist Church. The Board and Paul Forgey discussed dates and times. Giving consideration for important dates the Board agreed to August 17, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Paul and Angel will develop an agenda and invite speakers to share Land Banking Experience with the Board. A public notice will be issued.

G. FUTURE MEETING DATE

Vice Chair, Thomas advised the next meeting will be held August 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair, Thomas called the meeting to adjournment at 6:38 PM.


M. Angel Gray, Programs Manager

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Jim McBride, Jim Pace seconded the motion. By unanimous vote of the board the minutes of July 13, 2023, are approved.