

**Kent County Land Bank Authority**  
**Board Meeting**  
**May 22, 2013**  
**Training Room, 2nd Floor**  
**Kent County Administration Building**

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ken Parrish
2. Roll Call: All KCLBA Board Members Present
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion was made to approve agenda as written.
4. Approval of Minutes, 4/24/13 Meeting Motion by Weiss, support by Bliss.
5. Public Comment - no public comment
6. Executive Director Report -
  - a. Allen discussed Financials on KCLBA Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss.
  - b. Allen reviewed property list of current KCLBA properties. Allen noted properties being donated especially those now coming to us out county. Special note about 3913 Prairie SW in Grandville which will be brought back to single family and may be in Fall Parade of Homes. Bliss would like to see projects that we have completed on our website.
  - c. Bliss noted that the City of Grand Rapids is writing policy regarding the Land Bank working with them on their tax foreclosures.
  - d. Allen stated that all local units received packets from the Land Bank about helping them with their tax foreclosures. He further stated that the Nelson Township Board approved working with the Land Bank. Allen indicated that Nelson Township had tried in the past to redevelop tax foreclosed properties but the outcome did go well. Other municipalities have expressed interest in working with us including the Village of Sparta, Plainfield Twp., Cascade Twp., City of Kentwood, and City of Cedar Springs. City of Kentwood liked the concepts discussed and Allen is making further presentations to the Kentwood Board. Chair Parrish clarified that the Land Bank is not asking that we take their properties, but that it is request from City staff and their Board. Allen stated that Wyoming does not want to be involved this year and would rather take notes on our work this year with other municipalities. Wyoming is pleased that we are receiving donation of 3701 Havana SW because of its distressed condition and the fact that it is mold ridden. Land Bank staff will work closely with Wyoming Building Dept. staff on the Havana project.
7. Open Discussion - Ponstein reflected on the positives of our work with municipalities and the benefits we can bring to the table. Bliss indicated we need to be more vocal of the purpose of the Land Bank to confront the misconceptions on the street. She further stated the need to network with staff and municipal representatives.

Brinks discussed that legislation is being worked on against Land Banks. Parrish said that Land Banks are cooperatively watching the legislation very carefully.

Brinks questioned the status of our long range strategic plan. Allen indicated Alan Levey has been interviewing our opposition and results should be completed soon.

8. Motion was made by Brinks and seconded by Bliss for the board to move into closed session pursuant to a formal request by the Executive Director that his evaluation. Vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays. The KCLBA Board meeting moved into closed session at 3:30.
9. Adjournment – The KCLBA Board Exited Closed Session and Board Chair Parrish adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.