



Manistee County Planning Building - 395 Third Street - Manistee, Michigan 49660

5:45 p.m., Thursday  
January 28, 2021

**ZOOM**  
Manistee County Planning Building  
395 Third Street  
Manistee, Michigan

**MANISTEE COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rishel at 5:45 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Rishel, Phil Landis, Glenn Zaring, Margaret Batzer, Mary Becker-Witt, Sharon Goble, and Theodore Batzer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Sagala, County Administrator, Robert Blackmore, Onekama Township, Mike Szokola, Planning Director, Zach Sompels, Planner 1/City Zoning Administrator, Katie Mehl, Planner 1 and Nancy Baker, Assistant to Planner

Chair Rishel wished to amend the agenda by moving under A. Call to Order, subsection a. Election of Officers.

**Roll Call vote: Ms. Goble, yes; Mr. Zaring, yes; Ms. Becker-Witt, yes; Mr. Batzer, yes, and Mr. Rishel, yes. Motion passed.**

**a. Election of Officers**

Chair Rishel turned the meeting over to Mr. Szokola. Mr. Szokola opened the meeting for nominations to the Manistee County Brownfield Chair, 2021.

Chair:

Ms. Becker-Witt nominated Ms. Goble for Chair. Ms. Goble accepted.

**Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote for Ms. Goble as Chair:**

**Ms. Becker-Witt, yes; Ms. Goble, yes; Mr. Batzer, yes; Mr. Zaring, yes and Mr. Rishel, yes.**

**Ms. Goble received the position of Chair of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 2021.**

Mr. Szokola turned the meeting over to Chair Goble. Chair Goble opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Landis joined the meeting.

Vice Chair:

Ms. Becker-Witt nominated Mr. Rishel for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Landis. Mr. Rishel accepted.

**Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote for Mr. Rishel as Vice Chair:**

**Mr. Zaring, yes; Mr. Batzer, yes; Ms. Goble, yes; Mr. Landis, yes; Ms. Becker-Witt, yes and Mr. Rishel, yes.**

**Mr. Rishel received the position of Vice Chair of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 2021.**

Secretary:

Mr. Rishel nominated Ms. Becker-Witt for Secretary. Ms. Becker-Witt accepted.

**Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote for Ms. Becker-Witt as Secretary:**

**Mr. Landis, yes; Ms. Becker-Witt, yes; Ms. Goble, yes; Mr. Batzer, yes; Mr. Zaring, yes and Mr. Rishel, yes.**

**Ms. Becker-Witt received the position of Secretary of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 2021.**

B. Conflict of Interest

There are no members with a conflict of interest regarding the agenda items.

C. Housekeeping Business.

a. Approve January 28, 2021 Agenda

The agenda was amended by Mr. Rishel after Roll Call was taken and was approved.

b. Approve July 23, 2020 Minutes.

There were no changes to the July 23, 2020 Minutes.

**Mr. Rishel moved, seconded by Mr. Landis to approve the July 23, 2020 minutes as printed.**

**Roll Call vote: Ms. Becker-Witt, yes; Mr. Landis, yes; Mr. Batzer, yes; Mr. Rishel, yes and Ms. Goble, yes Mr. Zaring abstained. Motion passed.**

D. Public Comment.

None

E. New Business

None

Commissioner Batzer entered the meeting.

F. Old Business

a) Joslin Cove Update Information

Mr. Szokola stated the Planning Department received an invoice from the city regarding the reimbursement for the Arthur Street lift station under the Joslin Cove

Brownfield plan. Discussion ensued regarding the contract, past agreements, and amendments.

Commissioner Batzer stated this must be brought before the County Board for final approval of the project which must be completed for this to go through, The contractor had filed for bankruptcy and then reorganized to continue work on the project.

Mr. Szokola stated the department has not collected administration fees since 2009 at \$5,000.00 a year. Further discussion ensued regarding past issues-- confusion on the north property line, the pumping station cost being appropriate, the Brownfield being hesitant of the pump station, and an extension for the old foundation to be redone.

The Joslin Cove past agreements and amendments will be reviewed by the County Treasurer, County Planning Department, and the Brownfield Chair. The information will be brought to the next Brownfield meeting.

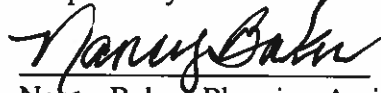
Ms. Becker-Witt stated the ISD received information regarding money they will be receiving from Brownfield for projects in the county.

No new Brownfield applications have been received for new projects in the county.

G. Other business from Brownfield Redevelopment Authority members or staff.  
None.

H. Adjournment.  
Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Baker, Planning Assistant  
Recording for Mary Becker-Witt  
Brownfield Authority Secretary  
Date: January 28, 2021

