

**Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie (ECRDA)
Minutes of November 23, 2021
Public Meeting**

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie held a public meeting on November 23, 2021, at 8:00 am. This meeting is pursuant to a legal ad published in the Erie Times on November 20, 2021.

Members present: John Laird, Kate Philips, Bill DeLuca, Laith Wardi, Harry Eighmy.

Others present: Jenna Bickford, Esq., Tina Mengine, Chris Groner, Linda Robbins, and Rick Clayton.

Hearing of the Public: John Laird, Chair called the public hearing to order at 8:04am. Mr. Laird asked for public comment. As there was none, he closed the public hearing at 8:05am.

Call to Order: John Laird, Chair called the public meeting to order at 8:05am.

2020 Audit Presentation*:

Rick Clayton of Maloney, Reed, Scarpitti presented the 2020 Audit report noting both the Financial and Control/Compliance opinion were clean. Mr. Clayton recommends that the Board consider reverting to pre-covid protocol with double signature checks. Board discussion ensued. **On a motion** by Bill DeLuca, seconded by Laith Wardi, the 2020 Audit was unanimously approved as presented.

- **Modification – Agenda**

On a motion by Kate Philips, seconded by Laith Wardi, the Board unanimously approved amending the agenda to re institute check signing procedures, given Mr. Claytons recommendation.

- **Modification - Check signer**

On a motion by Kate Philips, seconded by Laith Wardi, the Board unanimously approved reverting to pre-covid protocol whereby reinstating double signature checks.

Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2021, Regular meeting*:

John Laird asked for comment. As there was none, he called for a motion to approve. **On a motion** by Kate Philips, seconded by Laith Wardi, the minutes were unanimously approved.

ECRDA Financial Report*:

Linda Robbins presented balance sheet & Profit and loss reports. Board discussion ensued. John Laird asked for a motion to approve. **On a motion** by Harry Eighmy, seconded by Laith Wardi, the financials were unanimously accepted as presented.

ECRDA Cash Available/Loans in Discussion*:

Tina Mengine reported Cash available/Loans in discussion reports. **On a motion** by Harry Eighmy, seconded by Laith Wardi, the financial report was unanimously approved as presented.

CEO's Report:

- **ARP Funds:** Tina indicated we have received \$4.99M in funding.
- **12th & Greengarden property:** Tina is exploring a possible purchase of the property with City Brownfield grant funding.
- **Mid-American:** Tina indicated that Mid-American has not been able to strike a deal with PIDA therefore they are unable to make a deal with ECRDA. Things are on-hold until November 30th when Mid-American agreed to contact us with an update. The Board discussed alternative action if no resolve by year end. Updates to follow.

Executive Session: At 8:41am, the Board moved to Executive session for purposes of discussing personnel matters. The Board reconvened its regular public meeting at 9:14am.

Adjournment: With no other business, **on a motion** by Laith Wardi, seconded by Harry Eighmy, the meeting adjourned at 9:15.