

JANUARY 10, 2023, MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NITRO LAND REUSE AUTHORITY

The meeting was called to order by President Boggs at 4:07 pm. In attendance were Dawson, Murphy, Casebolt and Director Reed. The previous meetings (December 2022) minutes and financials were reviewed and passed unanimously. Mary Beth Burt has begun doing the financials reports for the LRA in the absence of John Young. Ms. Burt has become a signer on the LRA checking account.

Old Business

The first phase of the WVDEP REAP Programs demolition project is almost complete, with 10 structures down. 9 residential and 1 commercial. Loftis plans to have all residential down by end of January and the commercial ones down by the second week in February. All abatement has been completed, except on 2303 23rd St. Inspection report has been submitted to Astar to coordinate abatement and demolition.

New Business

Governor Justice contacted the LRA thru the WVDEP office to request a press conference on site of 24th-25th St properties, once Boxing Fit and ACI Locksmith have been demolished. The Governor would like to highlight the demolition project and intergovernmental relationships to achieve the goal – economic redevelopment on the site of former blighted, vacant properties. Director Reed will keep the board informed as those plans develop.

Economic Development plans for 24th and 25th are on hold for the time being, while the board assesses the value of the property owned. The board reviewed the layout and talked about parking concerns. Will resume discussions in 2023, once the future of Nitro Supermarket has been determined by its current owner.

Director will send an aerial plat view of the 24th&25th St property to Mr. Dawson.

Director Reed solicited quotes for tree removal from three companies – Davey, Asplundh, and Arbaugh. Davey responded with quotes for all commercial lots with trees and stump removal. Arbaugh is out of business and Asplundh did not respond. Mr. Murphy provided another contact to try Green Valley Landscaping. Director will readdress in the February meeting and will update the board if REAP or ARPA funds can be used to pay for site finishings.

Executive Session

The board approved the purchase of a property, for an amount disclosed in session, unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned @ 4:59 pm.

Notes

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm.