

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NITRO LAND REUSE AUTHORITY

The meeting, rescheduled from September 13, was called to order by President Boggs at 4:05 pm. In attendance were Sanders, Montgomery, Dawson, Murphy, Casebolt and Director Reed. There were attendees from the public in attendance, as well. The previous meetings (August 2022) minutes and financials were reviewed and passed unanimously.

Old Business

The LRA was preapproved for up to \$350,000 in demolition funds from the DEP REAP program that was sponsored by the State Auditor's Office and local municipalities. The City of Nitro LRA was selected in the pilot program based on our shovel ready demolition projects. This award will directly impact the budget to afford more acquisition, abatement, and demolition of blighted properties around the city. The LRA is fully submitted and is waiting on the notice to proceed from the DEP, awaiting the signature from the Governor of WV. Director Reed will keep the LRA abreast of the arrival of the DEP contract.

The LRA petitioned to have a portion of 24th St closed to offer contiguous property to potential investors. The petition was approved by the Nitro Planning Commission and the recommendation was made to Nitro City Council and passed unanimously. The closure will need an ordinance to be presented to council to abandon a city street to the LRA, John Montgomery will look into what needs to be done, and it will get a first and second reading at council. This will likely work with the demolition timeline.

New Business

Executive Session

The board discussed multiple opportunities to purchase property and sell landbank properties but ultimately decided to proceed with the purchase of one property for a price agreed upon in session. The other offers were dismissed at this time.

Notes

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:13 pm.