



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING OF MAY 6, 2024

via remote technology

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 pm

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Frederick Khedouri, Wesley Mott, Kristen Reimann, Sarah Thulin, Nancy Weaver

LAND BANK COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Steven Ewing, Peter Wells

STAFF PRESENT AT CALL TO ORDER

Harrison Kisiel, James Lengyel

OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE SESSION

Addison Antonoff (*Vineyard Gazette*), Sharon Cooke, Philip Cordella

PRESENTATION OF THE WARRANT

Warrant no. 2024-46 was made available for the Commission's inspection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no proposed additions, Mr. Mott declared the agenda approved as presented.

Commissioners Steven Ewing and Peter Wells joined the meeting during the following discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2024

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted in a roll call vote five in favor, none opposed and Mr. Khedouri and Mrs. Reimann abstaining to approve the minutes as written.

COUNTY AND LAND BANK COMMISSION TREASURERS' REPORTS

None

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Revenues for the week ending April 26, 2024: \$176,945.00

Revenues for the week ending May 3, 2024: \$298,816.27

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Land Management: Receipt of Donation

Staff reported that Mr. Khedouri, the new Chilmark Commissioner, had offered to donate to the agency an electric skidsteer. Mr. Kisiel outlined its features and benefits. By acclamation, Mr. Khedouri's fellow Commissioners accepted the gift, with gratitude.

2. Agency Land Management: Purchase of Equipment

The Commission reviewed bids solicited for the purchase of a replacement flail-mower, for which \$8,000 was budgeted. They are, in descending order by price: (1.) Frontier FL1272S, United Ag and Turf, \$9,991.80; (2.) Landpride FM2584, Norfolk Power Equipment, \$9,016.00; (3.) John Deere 390, United Ag and Turf, \$7,225.68; (4.) Landpride RCD1884, Norfolk Power Equipment, \$6,081.00; and (5.) Landpride RCF2084, Norfolk Power Equipment, \$5,507.00. Mr. Kisiel recommended the \$7,225.68 United Ag and Turf bid for the John Deere mower, owing to this model's usefulness to the agency over the course of the past several decades. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the staff recommendation.

The Commission reviewed bids solicited for the purchase of a walk-behind mower, for which \$8,750 was budgeted. They are, in descending order by price: (1.) Exmark Turf Tracer 48, Cottage City Outdoor Power Equipment, \$9,899.98; (2.) Bobcat WB700, Indian Hill Power Equipment, \$8,749.95; (3.) Scag SWZ 48, Indian Hill Power Equipment, \$8,648.95. Mr. Kisiel recommended the \$9,899.98 Cottage City bid, owing to the machine's durability, its compatibility with the agency's existing equipment and because it is the model that the agency currently uses. After discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to accept the staff recommendation. The overage will be funded via anticipated surpluses elsewhere in the *Other Management Equipment* category.

3. Agency Land Management: Surplus Equipment

Mr. Kisiel recommended that the Commission declare surplus its 2013 Ford service body truck. It is the final diesel truck in the agency's ownership and, owing to contemporary diesel emission standards, would require significant repair in order to pass commonwealth inspection. In addition, it was replaced earlier in the year by a matching gasoline-powered unit. After

discussion and by a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to declare this vehicle surplus and to seek bids for its disposition. Mr. Kisiel stated that he hoped that the land bank could net upwards of \$10,000 for it.

4. Agency Administration: Performance Evaluation

Staff excused itself and the Commission conducted its annual review of Mr. Lengyel's performance as executive director; Mr. Mott will share the results with him. Mr. Lengyel returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Agency Administration: Public Input

Philip Cordella spoke to (1.) the change in representation from the town of Chilmark; and (2.) recording of land bank meetings.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WARRANT

The Commission endorsed Warrant no. 2024-46.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously in a roll call vote to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, lease, exchange or value of real property. Mr. Mott stated that the subjects to be discussed are the purchase or value of real property and declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Commission. He further announced that the Commission would not reconvene in regular session after the conclusion of the executive session. The Commission entered executive session at 3:25 pm.

certification: _____


Kristen Reimann, Secretary