



**ROCK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**Monday, March 29, 2010 - 8:30 A.M.**  
**P & D Conference Room 270**  
**Second Floor, East Wing**  
**Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville, WI**

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Brian Christianson called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M, after confirming that notices of the meeting have been published.

**Members Present**: Chair Brian Christianson, Anda O'Connell, Jackie Wood

**Members Absent**: Vice Chair Billy Bob Grahn, Anna Marie Johnson

**Staff Members Present**: David Somppi, Neale Thompson

**Staff Members Absent**: None

**Others Present**: None

2. **Adoption of Agenda**: Motion to approve agenda for meeting of March 29, 2010, by Com'r. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Com'r. O'Connell. Motion carried

3. **Minutes of Meeting from February 1, 2010**. Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from February 1, 2010, by Com'r. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Com'r. O'Connell. Motion approved.

4. **Secretary's Report**: Mr. Somppi reported that the Planning Department has a new Director of Planning, Paul Benjamin who has a lengthy resume and served with the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). He will attend some future RCHA meeting. Secondly, the staff attended the Beloit Latino Service Fair to promote the Lead Hazard Control and Home Purchase Assistance Programs. About 250 Spanish promotional items were handed out at the event that was well attended with 500 people. Thirdly, the staff has received the new XRF instrument that will aid Lead Risk Assessments performed by the staff. Until this time, the LHC work borrowed an older XRF from the state. In a fourth subject, 4 properties have been purchased by the County in the Hazard Mitigation Program. Demolition of the flooded homes is next as well as determining the disposition or use of the property. Finally, agenda item #10 will take ideas from the RCHA for use of the properties.

5. **Presentation of HOME Activities**: This information was completely updated in the HOME Action Plan. The last five years of activities were covered. Rock County provides HOME Consortium activities under the City of Janesville that is the lead agency. Therefore, the COJ makes reports to HUD for such HOME activities, etc. Community Action is a part of the Consortium and Neighborhood Housing Services is a sub-grantee of the City of Beloit.

6. **Review of Loan Request - #06070 D-2**: After discussing this mound septic project in the Town of Spring Valley, the board supported this \$11,300 0% interest home assistance loan. Com'r. Wood made the motion that was seconded by Com'r. O'Connell. The motion passed.

7. **Review of Loan Request - #6073 D-1**: After discussion of this Home Purchase Assistance loan in the Town of Beloit, the board supported this \$6,317 0% interest home loan. Com'r. O'Connell made the motion that was seconded by Com'r. Wood. The motion passed.

8. **Review of Loan Request - #6074 D-1**: After discussion of this Home Purchase Assistance loan in the Town of Beloit, the board supported this \$6,690 3% interest home loan. Com'r. O'Connell made the motion that was seconded by Com'r. Wood. The motion passed.

9. **Review of Loan Request - #6075 D-1:** After discussion of this Home Rehab loan in the Village of Footville, the board supported this \$3,405 3% interest home loan. Com'r. O'Connell made the motion that was seconded by Com'r. Wood. The motion passed.

Potential Conflict of Interest - **None**

10. **Action Item Concerning Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Lands:** Chair Christianson noted the concerns about parks and water front lands, hoping that neighboring property owners be given the chance to control this purchased properties. Decisions are complicated by the DNR and other regulations. Mr. Somppi reported that land disposition decisions are made by the Rock County Board Staff Committee and stated that an internal memo listed options for disposal. That list included ownership/control by another governmental unit or federal agency; a conservation group; conveyance of the property with restrictive easements with a lease to some owner for a specific approved purpose; a conservation easement filed with all relevant authorities; and that FEMA approval is required for any land use.

Considerable discussion followed how this land might be conveyed to the neighbors with restrictive covenants so the county doesn't have to take care of the land. This technique would prevent public access to the river at these residential parcels and relieve any county responsibility for maintaining these parcels. Chair Christianson introduced a motion to ask the RCHA staff to include in their recommendations to the County Staff Committee regarding plans to dispose of purchased flood parcels, within all FEMA requirements, the possibility of offering these parcels to the adjacent property owners for the purpose of returning these parcels to the tax rolls. Com'r. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. **Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

12. **Set Date for Next Meeting:** Next meeting date was set for Monday, May 3, 2010 at the County Planning Department.

13. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Com'r. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Christianson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Neale Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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