

## **Dodgeville Housing Authority (DHA) Minutes, June 16, 2021**

Present: Commissioners Terry Edwards, Jeff Grayson, Jeff Thomas, Gretta Stilson, John Ziehr, and representing Allegiant Property Management, Cindy Knutson. Commissioners excused: Tom DeVoss.

Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. John Ziehr made the motion, Jeff Thomas second, to approve the Certification of Public Notice and Agenda, with "Thank you letters to past commissioners" added to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Edwards presented the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting. Jeff Grayson made the motion, John Ziehr second, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Knutson presented the financial report for May, 2021. John Ziehr made the motion, Jeff Grayson second, to approve the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The following was reviewed under New Business:

- Gretta Stilson was formally welcomed as a new commissioner. She was appointed by the Dodgeville City Council on June 15, 2021. She will fulfill the remaining term of Jeff Starr, who previously resigned. Commissioner Jeff Grayson will review terms and expiration dates of all commissioners and report this information at our July meeting.
- Cindy Knutson provided the Section 8 program update. DHA currently has 57 lease-ups, up one from the time of review at last month's board meeting. Seven clients currently have vouchers and are looking for units. There are four clients on the waiting list.
- Chairman Edwards reported that he is composing thank you letters to previous commissioners, Jeff Starr and Elsa Greene, to be signed by Mayor Novak and himself.

The following was reviewed under Old Business:

- The remaining board opening for a client commissioner was discussed. Chairman Edwards has composed a solicitation letter which will be sent to selected clients as soon as possible.
- The Commissioners reviewed CARES Act Funding status – total expended, total remaining, and deadline for use. A letter will be sent as soon as possible to clients who have not taken advantage of the Covid CARES Act totes, giving them one last chance to benefit from this offer.
- Cindy Knutson reported that she is seeking to contact Lori Bekkum from the Crawford County Housing Authority, who may be able to help us reinstate a rental rehabilitation loan program for landlords, which can be implemented using our WRRP funds. Chairman Edwards will contact Wally Orzechowski of Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program, to see if that organization would have an interest and the expertise to manage a rental rehabilitation loan program. Jeff Grayson reported the finance committee is considering investing part of the WRRP funds into higher paying deposit instruments, as the money market interest rates currently are minimal. Any recommended changes will be brought before the board.

The next meeting of DHA will be held Wednesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Dodgeville City Hall. Cindy Knutson will attend via Zoom. There being no further business, Jeff Grayson made the motion, Gretta Stilson second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Edwards, Acting Secretary