Gladwin County Land Bank
April 9, 2026
8:45a.m.

Members present: Christy Van Tiem, Rick Grove, Teresa Newman, Karen Moore, Angela Bigham and Jim Thurlow

Absent: Shannon Sirpilla

Others present: None

Approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion by Moore to accept minutes as written, supported by Bigham. Ayes carried; motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

1. Van Tiem stated that SLBA Grant - Round 3 is almost completed. We have one project left to complete at 240 N. Ross St, in the City of Beaverton. We will be collaborating with Matt Lang, Director of Downtown & Community Development for City of Beaverton, for redevelopment once the demo is completed

2. VanTiem informed the Land Bank Board that the property at 805 Deer St. has been sold for an asking price of $229,900.00

New Business:

1. Van Tiem informed the Land Bank Board that we received an offer of $2,000 for 3942 McCollum Rd property in Billings Township and asked about selling this lot. Motion made by Grove, to accept the application to purchase the property at 3942 McCollum. Seconded by Thurlow, with all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Van Tiem informed the Land Bank Board that Mr. Buckley has contacted the Land Bank regarding the donation of his property, which consists of an old road easement. He is seeking to divest himself of the property due to the financial burden of the Four Lakes Task Force assessment. Discussion was made about accepting properties that would be a financial burden to the Land Bank where it would actually cost us money rather than helping the community. Also, accepting offer of high-liability properties would fall outside our operational guidelines.

3. Van Tiem discussed allowing the land bank to submit a Letter of Intent for MI Neighborhood CDBG Funding for housing projects. This grant is matching grant which would allow the Land Bank to put 4 new homes in the City of Beaverton. This project, which aims to increase housing availability and eliminate blight, requires a local upfront match which would have to be provided by the Land Bank. The CDBG funds are officially designated for this proposal contingent upon completion of the full application in July. Board members would like to see photos of the homes being built and the financial question of whether we can make an advance if we have to have funds up front. Motion to move forward with Grant opportunity by Thurlow, seconded by Schneider to move forward, m/c. Van Tiem will get with Matt Lang and invite him to the next meeting to discuss more details.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

No further business before this board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.