

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE REDEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS**

February 25, 2025

Chairman, Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:33 P.M. on February 25, 2025 at the offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks, 400 E. Wyomissing, Avenue, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Mohnton, Pennsylvania 19540 and via Zoom telecommunications.

1. **Roll Call:**

The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Glenn Yeager, Chairman  
Eileen Kastura Vice-President  
Diodato Bassano, Treasurer  
Dr. Thomas Ruth, Secretary  
Jorge Diaz, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Also in attendance were:

Colin J. MacFarlane, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Associate Attorney  
Kenneth Pick, Executive Director  
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer  
Tyler Reese, Facilities & Housing Manager  
Michele Hummel, Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Kyre Maxwell, Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Jowanna Gary, Redevelopment Generalist  
Jaime Perez, Deputy Director

2. **Executive Session for legal and real estate matters:**

There was no Executive Session that took place at this meeting.

3. **Public Comment:**

There were no members of the public that attended the meeting. No public comment was made.

4. **Reading and approval of minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2025:**

Upon motion made by Mr. Diaz and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all members of the Board present voted to approve the January 28, 2025 minutes of the Board.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:**

Diodato Bassano presented the Statement of Activity and the Statement of Financial Position as of January 31, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all Board members present voted to accept the report of the Treasurer, including said Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, subject to audit.

6. **Bills and Communications:**

Diodato Bassano presented the list of payments to creditors representing the period of January 31, 2025 through February 26, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura all Board members present voted to approve and/or ratify the list of payments to creditors.

7. **Reports of Committees:**

- a) Mr. Pick advised that there was nothing new to report regarding the Colebrookdale Railroad Finance Committee.

8. **Unfinished Business**

- a) **Rentals** (Susan)

Susan Buono advised that we currently have a vacancy at 517 E Lancaster Avenue, and NAI Keystone has been retained to market and lease the unit. Currently there are no outstanding maintenance requests. We continue to utilize our rental management platform for payments and maintenance requests.

- b) **Whole Homes Repair Program (WHRP)**. Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: BCRA and Habitat combined have spent \$2,206,000.00 on repairs. We have 88 completed cases. There are 28 approved cases that remain, all in various stages of completion.

- c) **Colebrookdale Railroad:** Mr. Pick advised of the following: We continue to work with the FRA & the County on the financing of various improvements that we anticipate with the railroad. We have a meeting with the FRA tomorrow to discuss possible changes in the federal government and how they could affect us. Mr. Pick reminded the Board that we have an award letter, not a grant.
- d) **Imagine Berks:** Mr. Perez advised of the following: Imagine Berks has entered its third year now. Our focus is going to be on building onto our successes & updating the County Comprehensive Plan. The County Comprehensive Plan updates will be launched in late spring of 2025. There is also going to be a renewed focus on redevelopment of under-utilized sites around existing infrastructure.
- e) **Oley Project:**

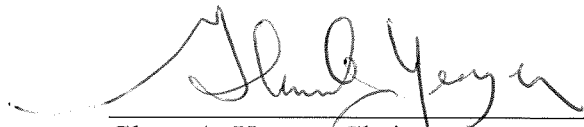
Mr. Reese advised of the following: We had a successful kickoff meeting and permits are being pulled. The start date is April 7, 2025 & a general completion time of August/September 2025.

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Approval** A motion was made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz for the approval of MOU with Dream Ventures PA. LLC related to the redevelopment of the Hamburg Center.
- b. **Amendment# 1** A motion was made by Ms. Kastura and seconded by Mr. Diaz for the amendment to the administrative agreement with Our City-Reading, Inc. for the Goggleworks II RACP grant.

10. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business of this Authority, a motion was made by Ms. Kastura to adjourn the meeting of this Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Diaz and all members of this Authority present voted in the affirmative. The next meeting of the Board will be on March 25, 2025. This meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.

  
Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman-