



**Meeting of  
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority  
Board of Commissioners**

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>MARCH 28, 2019</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801</b>
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	John Noland		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Tara Titone		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> John Noland, Chairman; Brian Haymon, Vice Chairman; Theodore Major, Secretary; Susan Turner, Treasurer</p> <p><b>Also attending:</b> Christopher Tyson, RDA President and CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Vice President; Tasha Saunders, RDA Grants Director; Bryant Clark, Rebekah Strickland, Ashley Vaughn- RDA Staff; Heather LeBlanc, VGraham, RDA CPA; Amanda Wells, Baker Donelson, RDA legal counsel; Shervisa Sullivan Battley, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance; Jacques Hawkins, 70805 community development interest; Timothy Boone, The Advocate; Israel Moore, Kierra Edwards- Vital Resource Solutions</p>		
	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at <b>9:03 AM</b>		
	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		<b>JOHN NOLAND</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting and approved with no objection.		
	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		<b>HEATHER LEBLANC</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. LeBlanc provided the Board with the YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget, Program Statement of Activity and Cash Flow for the period ended February 28, 2019, and Monthly Cash Flow Projections. Mrs. LeBlanc stated that the available cash appears high due to the fact that the \$500,000 in operational funding was received from the City-Parish in a lump sum. The Board took no issue. Mr. Tyson stated that EBRRRA is in the process of establishing an account with Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) and will move some of the EBRRRA's excess cash into an interest-bearing account.		
	<b>REAL ESTATE UPDATE</b>		<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson stated that the preliminary title clearing work has begun on some of the properties transferred to EBRRRA's Land Bank last fall and presented a resolution to authorize the steps necessary to quiet title to previously adjudicated property.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Mrs. Turner made a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize steps necessary to quiet title to previously adjudicated property. Mr. Major seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	<b>AUDIT UPDATE</b>		<b>TARA TITONE</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Titone asked the Board to review and approve the responses to the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2018 year and adopt a resolution as part of the 2018 audit requirements.		

<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Board approved the responses and unanimously adopted a resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2018 audit year.	
	<b>CEO UPDATE</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Tyson reported that EBRRA continues to expand the grants staff as the work from the City-Parish expands. Two new employees were recently hired. Bryant Clark joins EBRRA as the HOME Program Manager II, and Vallorie Young joins EBRRA as CDBG Senior Program manager.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson stated that the construction of Red Stick Social at the Entergy Site is wrapping up with a grand opening scheduled for April 15, 2019. Mr. Haymon suggested a plaque recognizing the EBRRA as having made the development possible. The Board agreed, and Mr. Tyson will discuss with the developer placing a plaque on the site.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson reported that the wetland permit application for Ardendale west has been posted for public notice as of March 25, 2019 and explained that the public has up to 30 days to respond. He noted that EBRRA, the City-Parish and the EBR Housing Authority are awaiting an award notice from HUD on whether Baton Rouge has been selected for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Grant funds of up to \$30 mil.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson announced that the rail station master plan final report was delivered the day prior which incorporates the FRA's comments and that EBRRA is working on next steps identified in the report.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson also announced that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for community improvement projects was just released and will run through April 19<sup>th</sup>. \$110,000 is available for Community Development Corporations to be used on supplies and materials towards community improvement projects in the following 5 community improvement areas: Scotlandville, Glen Oaks/ Zion City, Old South Baton Rouge, Choctaw Corridor/ Northdale, and Melrose East. This effort was created to promote HUD's Community Development Week which will take place April 22-26, 2019.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson provided a brief update on the land bank. Attorney Wells has been able to clear title on a large piece of property, and EBRRA will soon be able to proceed with moving forward to transferring it to the interested community partner. Mr. Tyson spoke of the partnership with the Southern University Law Center and its title clearing clinic who have delivered EBRRA abstracts and title reports on some properties in the Land Bank located along Plank Road.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson provided an update on EBRRA's strategic planning process stating that Converge will be at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to present its final recommendations for EBRRA's mission, vision, values and name. The final meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on April 3, 2019.</p>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	No new business.	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No public comments.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at <b>9:33 AM</b> .	