# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT MAY 19, 2021

The regular virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office in the Empowerment Center located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 6:00 p.m. Chair Smith-Norman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR PRITZKER AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY LEGAL COUNSEL, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT MAY CONDUCT ALL OR PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING BY USE OF TELEPHONIC OR ELECTRONIC MEANS WITHOUT A PHYSICAL QUORUM PRESENT IN THE BOARDROOM.

## II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present via GoTo Meeting portal and responded to roll call:

#### **Present**

**Staff Present** 

Chair Smith-Norman

Babette Jamison-Varner, CEO

Commissioner Richter

Bernadette Mekalska, Executive Coordinator

Commissioner Shirley

Vice Chair Harrell

Commissioner Boldt

## Consultants

Mike Bainbridge, Chief Financial Officer

## III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Boldt moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to approve the agenda for May 19, 2021 regular meeting, as presented. On roll call, the following members voted:

Richter:

Ave

**Smith-Norman:** 

Aye

Boldt:

Aye

Harrell:

Aye

Shirley:

Aye

a. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2021.

Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Commissioner Boldt to table regular virtual meeting minutes of April 21, 2021 to the next meeting for corrections. On roll call, the following members voted:

Shirley:

Aye

Harrell:

Aye

Richter:

Smith-Norman:

Aye Aye **Boldt:** 

Aye

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# VI. CEO REPORT, Babette Jamison-Varner

Director Jamison-Varner gave an update on Tenant Protection Vouchers. In addition, Director Jamison-Varner spoke about the relationship with Menard County HA and relocation process.

# VII. FINANCIAL REPORT, Mike Bainbridge

Mike Bainbridge spoke about the process of writing off stale checks in order to remove them from the bank reconciliation. Mike discussed tenant write off amounts.

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 052021-01: Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport's Tenant Write-Off.
- b. Resolution 052021-02: Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport's Stale Check Write Off.

# X. APPROVALS

a. Resolution 052021-01 Authorizing Approval of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport's Tenant Write-Off.

Commissioner Boldt moved, second by Commissioner Richter to approve the Tenant Write-Off. Roll call was as follows:

Shirley:

Aye

Boldt:

Aye

Richter:

Aye

Harrell:

Aye

**Smith-Norman:** 

Aye

Chair Smith-Norman declared the motion passed

b. Resolution 052021-02 Authorizing Approval of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport's Stale Check Write Off.

Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to approve the Stale Checks Write-Off. Roll call was as follows:

Shirley:

Aye

Smith-Norman:

Aye

**Boldt:** 

Aye

Richter:

Aye

Harreil:

Aye

Chair Smith-Norman declared the motion passed.

# XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted at this regular virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, Vice Chair Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Shirley to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and at 6:42 p.m., Chair Smith-Norman declared the meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:** 

Jennifer Smith-Norman

Chair of the Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Babette/Jamison-Varner

Chief ⊭xecutive Officer & Secretary

Housing Authority of the City of Freeport