Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Houston County Land Bank November 29, 2018

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors of the Houston County Land Bank was called to order by Bryan Wood, City of Perry Director of Community Development at 3:30 pm. Roll was taken.

Board of Directors in attendance: Brian Jones, David "Skeet" Hulbert, Willie King, Penny Byrd, and Larry Thomson.

Staff members in attendance: Tom Hall, Houston County Attorney; Mark Kushinka, Houston County Tax Commissioner; Tim Andrews, Houston County Building Official/Planning & Zoning Administrator; Bryan Wood, City of Perry Director of Community Development; Robert Jones, City of Perry Assistant City Manager; and Danny Hicks, City of Perry Code Compliance Specialist.

Guests in attendance: Randall Walker, City of Perry Councilman.

After introductions were made, Randall Walker talked to the Board about expectations of the Land Bank by the Houston County Board of Commissioners and the City of Perry Mayor and Council. He also discussed what the Land Bank should expect from the City and County. Properties will be brought to the Board only if the submitting entity (County or City) has a plan for moving the property through the Land Bank in a timely manner. Costs associated with the properties will be covered by the submitting entity. The Land Bank was established between Houston County and the City of Perry on a trial basis to determine how effective it will be.

In official business, the Board adopted and signed the Houston County Land Bank By-Laws Board of Directors. These By-Laws became effective as of November 29, 2018.

The Board elected Brian Jones as Chair, and Willie King as Vice-Chair for 2019. Bryan Wood agreed to act as Secretary.

The Board decided to meet on the third Thursday of each month (as needed) at 3:30 pm at the County Public Works Building located at 2018 Kings Chapel Road in Perry.

In other business, Robert Smith discussed some training options that he is evaluating for the Board. The Board agreed that training will be necessary and beneficial.

Mark Kushinka talked about the process of selling tax delinquent properties and how the Land Bank will be involved.

Danny Hicks mentioned a property in the Sand Hill community of Perry for potential donation. Further investigation is needed and no action was taken.

With no other business, the Board adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Brian Jones, Chair

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