



**BOARD MEETING #597
August 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Union was held on August 17, 2022. Tom Beck, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Members present were Gale Reish, Matt Schumacher and Diane Meixell. Also, present were Sharon Leon, Executive Director, Bruce Quigley, Development Director and Melissa Lobos, Solicitor.

An Executive Session was held prior to the public meeting at which time one legal issue and two personnel issues were discussed.

Call to Order:

1. Diane Meixell made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting 596 held July 20, 2022. Gale Reish seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL:**
Gale Reish made a motion to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented. Diane Meixell seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.

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3. **HOUSING STAFF REPORTS:**
Diane Meixell made a motion to accept Housing Authority staff reports for July 2022. Matt Schumacher seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Michael Hanyak asked if the Housing Authority has been given any information about voter registration in relation to HUD or HUD programs. At this time, no information has been distributed to the agency in regards to this matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Interagency Agreement with the Snyder County PHA is scheduled to be approved at their board meeting on August 17th.
2. Gale Reish made a motion to approve taking the Agreement for Services with Rural Housing Works off the table. Diane Meixell seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.

Sharon Leon, *Executive Director* | Martin & Lobos, *Solicitor* | Allyson Weaver, *Secretary*
AUTHORITY MEMBERS: Thomas Beck, *Chairperson* | Dr. W. Gale Reish, *Vice-Chairperson*
Diane Meixell, *Treasurer* | Matt Schumacher | Gina Melone



3. Gale Reish made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services with Rural Housing Works pending one revision and the addition of Exhibit A. Matt Schumacher seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Diane Meixell made a motion to approve Housing Choice Voucher Preferences. Matt Schumacher seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.
 - a. Preferences have been updated to give a preference to residents of Union and Snyder Counties, due to the increasing need for housing from residents and lack of available, affordable units.
2. Matt Schumacher made a motion to approve adding Sharon Leon and removing Bruce Quigley as an authorized signer on all bank accounts of the Housing Authority. Gale Reish seconded same, and the Board unanimously passed by those present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Housing is continuing to work with Simplex, the manufacturer of the cottage for the ECHO (Elder Cottage Housing Options) program, to finalize the contractual agreement and have 2 cottages ready this fall.
2. The Housing Authority will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 26th from 6 to 8pm. Details to follow at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. Gale Reish made a motion to adjourn at 2:17pm.

Allyson Weaver, Secretary