**Valdosta / Lowndes County Land Bank Authority**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 20, 2024**

**Historic Courthouse**

**Members**: James Miller, Joyce Evans, Jill Maine, Jack Oliver, Sandra Tooley

Others Present: Billy Steinberg, Eric Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m. Ms. Maine led the Invocation.

**October Meeting Minutes Approval:** After reading the minutes by Mr. Thomas and a correction was made, Ms. Tooley made a motion to approve, Mr. Oliver seconded. Motion carried.

**Policies/Procedures:** Mr. Steinberg went over redline changes that were suggested at last month’s meeting. Mr. Miller stated he would like the Board to go over the final draft again before a vote is called to be accepted.

**GALBA Summit Review:** Mr. Thomas stated that the Summit showed him what the LBA can be like and how our community will benefit. Mr. Thomas also stated that it is very important to get in front of the officials of Valdosta/Lowndes County and leaders of our community to get them involved. Mr. Thomas stated that it was great to see Mr. Miller, Ms. Ammons (assistant city manager), and Ms. Harp attend the summit as well. Mr. Miller stated it was good to see other Land Banks and hear what they were implementing. Also, it was not only important to get in front of city officials and leaders but to share with developers the benefits the LBA can offer them.

**Open Discussion**- Much discussion about the LBA financial statement and budget. Mr. Thomas will present budget items to the board to establish a budget for 2025. Once the budget items are approved the board will be able to set the budget for 2025. Also Mr. Miller would like to work with Mr. Thomas to produce a financial statement for the LBA.

Mr. Miller stated that at the GALBA summit he spoke with Sara Toering, Esq, and she stated that she did work for our LBA in Augusta, **2021**. The scope of the work was setting policies/ procedures, setting 3–5-year goals for the LBA. Mr. Miller asked if there were any members that may have a record of Ms. Toering work. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have all the documents of the LBA in one centralized area to be able to share with all members of the LBA. Mr. Miller thanked everyone for attending**. Adjourn 12:04**