

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS

July 22, 2025

Chairman, Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:32 P.M. on July 22, 2025 at the offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks, 400 E. Wyomissing, Avenue, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Mohnton, Pennsylvania 19540 and via Zoom telecommunications.

1. Roll Call:

The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Glenn Yeager, Chairman
Eileen Kastura Vice-President
Diodato Bassano, Treasurer
Dr. Thomas Ruth, Secretary
Jorge Diaz, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Also in attendance were:

Daniel Becker, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor
Kenneth Pick, Executive Director
Jaime Perez, Deputy Director
Tyler Reese, Facilities & Housing Manager
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer
Michele Hummel, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Pauline Klopp, Redevelopment Generalist
Susan Buono, Executive Assistant

2. Public Comment:

There were no members of the public that attended the meeting. No public comment was made.

3. Executive Session- Legal Matters

An executive session did not take place during this meeting.

4. Reading and approval of minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2025:

Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Dr. Ruth, all members of the Board present voted to approve the June 24, 2025 minutes of the Board.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:**

Diodato Bassano presented the Statement of Activity and the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all Board members present voted to accept the report of the Treasurer, including said Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, subject to audit.

6. **Bills and Communications:**

On behalf of Diodato Bassano presented the list of payments to creditors representing the period of June 26, 2025 through July 23, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Dr. Ruth, all Board members present voted to approve and/or ratify the list of payments to creditors

7. **Reports of Committees:**

- a) Mr. Pick advised that there was nothing new to report regarding the Colebrookdale Railroad Finance Committee

8. **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Rentals** (Susan) We have two units under renovation that are listed for rent and expect to have the units rented very soon. All other units are occupied, and we do not have any tenants in arrears.
- b) **Whole Homes Repair Program (WHRP).** Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: To date 2.5 million dollars have been spent on repairs between Reading and the rest of the county. 103 applications have been completed. 18 cases are approved and are in various stages of completion.
- c) **23/24 Audit:** Mr. Perez provided an updated audit outline to the Board and advised that overall, the audit is going very well. The staff is making great progress submitting and uploading documents to the portal that Herbein uses. They are meeting with the new accounting firm, SEK, the week of September 8th and the week of September 15th. We are on schedule to finish the audit, if not sooner.
- d) **Colebrookdale Spur:** Mr. Pick advised of the following: We are still working on the financing package for the overall project to improve the railroad. We had received a PENNDOT grant in the amount of 1.4 million to extend the line from Philadelphia Ave up to the Boyertown Foundry. We estimated the cost to be around 2 million, however the lowest bid came in at 3.7 million. In a discussion with PENNDOT, they recommended we reject the grant and reapply again in 2026.

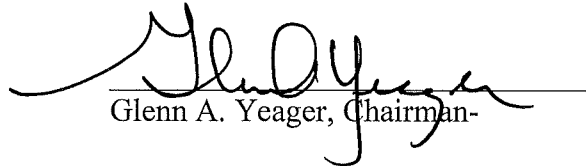
- e) **Oley Project:** Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: Right now, our biggest issue is getting the electrical survey done by Met Ed. We are still on track with a completion date in January 2026, however, it's been 50 days since we have contacted Met Ed and without the survey completion we cannot get the fees associated with that. Until we pay these fees, we cannot get any linemen to do the overhead connection.

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Resolution #2025-4** A motion was made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura authorizing an application to the LSA4 Program for a project at Titus Station.
- b. **Resolution #2025-5** A motion was made by Mr. Bassano and seconded by Mr. Diaz authorizing an application to the LSA4 Program for the Hamburg Terrace lots.
- c. **Approval#1:** A motion was made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz approving an "Informational Gathering" with the County Commissioners and representatives of the Eastern Berks Gateway Railroad related to financing of upgrades and improvements of the Colebrookdale Railroad.

10. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business of this Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Yeager to adjourn the meeting of this Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bassano and all members of this Authority present voted in the affirmative. The next meeting of the Board will be on August 26, 2025. This meeting was adjourned at 5:13 P.M.


Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman-