UPPER EXJPLORERLAND REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES

May 31, 2012

PERSONS PRESENT: Robert Fadness, Paul Ryan, Bertha Schuchmann, Gary Bowden, Sharron Mayer, Jason Passmore, Vicky Osmundson, Charles Carroll, Joyce Bakewell, Michele Elsbernd, Bev Krambeer, Karine Schager

Call to Order: Vice chair Michele Elsbernd called the meeting to order in UERPC Conference room in Postville, IA. At 1:07 pm.

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Ryan/Meyer to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

Resolution: A resolution requiring all persons in household 18 years of age and over to be present at the signing of paperwork for the Section 8 rental assistance program. A motion was made by Bowden/Fadness to pass the resolution. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

Fair Housing: Bev suggested to board members to attend workshops or seminars on Fair Housing. She stated that Don Grove from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission put on a very good presentation on discrimination at the NICC Dairy Center on May 17, 2012. Bev told the board about a recent discrimination case the housing authority had encountered.

Housing Department Update: Lori Brockway was present to explain the multiple programs she is working on in the Housing Department. These include The Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. This programs goal is to develop, redevelop, rehabilitate, and renovate single family units. These funds are available in Allamakee, Clayton, Howard and Winneshiek counties. Primary focus is on r*oofs, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, handicap accessibility and homebuyer assistance. Another program* is the Fayette County Local Housing Trust Fund. This program goal is to provide financing to assist in improving the stock of affordable housing within the county. Primary focus is the same as the NEIRHTF. There is an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program funded through Iowa Economic Development Authority. Currently there is funding available in St. Point, Elkader, Luana, Waukon and McGregor. These funds are used to assist homeowners with rehabilitation. The First Time Homebuyer Program is funded through the Iowa Finance Authority, and UERPC applies for these funds on behalf of interested cities. The City of Oelwein, McGregor, St. Berry Point and Garnavillo were funded this funding cycle. This program can provide down payment assistance and rehabilitation up to $24,999. Two additional programs available are the Single Family New Production-Round 2, and the Single Family New Production-Round 4. Round 2, the city of Cresco, Strawberry Point, and Decorah were funded. Round 4 was awarded funds to the city of Fayette and Decorah. Both of these programs are designed to provide down payment assistance of 25% for newly constructed homes. Contact Lori, Sarah or Cyndi at 53-864-7551 if you have questions.

Resolution: Bev explained the resolution was to approve additional funds and an extension of the TBRA Program (Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program). A motion was made by Osmundson/Schuchmann to approve. Motion was carried unanimously with no opposition.

Bev gave the Housing Status Report. We are currently serving 411 families in our five counties. Bev also mentioned that HUD has cut our administrative fees by sending only 75% of what was allotted.

Disbursements: A motion was made by Ryan/Bakewell to approve the quarterly disbursements for publication. Motion was carried unanimously with no opposition.

Floor Items: Bev went on to explain the procedure for someone applying for and receiving rental assistance. She stated that we are serving very low income families at an average of $233 housing assistance payment per month on behalf of the low income tenants.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ryan/Fadness to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. **The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM**

Please contact the undersigned for errors or omissions.
Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Krambeer, Housing Dept. Head