RHA Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2015 MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Bakewell, Jason Passmore, Steve Roach, Michelle Elsbernd, Bernard Peterson, Paul Ryan, Roy Karlson, Randee Blietz, Dennis Koenig, Mary Willett, Mike Tucker, Vicky Osmundson, Sue Weipert, Shannon Gebel and Charles Caroll STAFF PRESENT: Karine Schager, Jenna Siebrecht, Lori Brockway and Mary Huinker CALL TO ORDER: The Upper Explorerland RHA quarterly meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Chair Jason Passmore at UERPC in Postville, IA. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Roach/Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Karlson/Osmundson to approve the minutes of the 1/22/2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. FRAUD UPDATE: No updates to report. FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE: Lori went over the financial reports. A motion was made by Willett/Ryan to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION: A motion was made by Elsbernd/Weipert to approve the disbursements for publication. Motion carried unanimously. FY 2016 BUDGET APPROVAL: Lori went over the Housing Choice Voucher Program's proposed budget. A motion was made by Bakewell/Roach to approve the budget. Motion carried unanimously. PROGRAM STATUS REPORT: Lori Brockway gave the Section 8 status report. Following are the numbers of units under contract with the RHA as of April 1, 2015: Allamakee County – 44 families. Fayette County – 176 families. Clayton County – 65 families. Howard County – 39 families. Winneshiek County – 22 families. These numbers include handicap and disabled. We currently have 12 port-outs with 15 pending. Lori also mentioned that Michaela Collins has been added to the Housing staff to help with inspections and keep Jenna and Karine in office. With this change we hope to get the lease up numbers higher. AGENCY PLAN APPROVAL FROM HUD: UERPC has been approved for another 5 years with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION NEEDED FOR PIC: Lori reminded everyone to turn in their physical address, phone number and email to Mary. UPDATE ON HOUSING PROGRAMS IN THE 5 COUNTY AREA: Lori went over the programs and services that UERPC offers. Such as the NEIRHTF, FCLHTF, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, First Time-Homebuyers, Housing Choice Vouchers, Apartment rental, City Inspection and Housing Studies. UPDATE ON NAHRO TRAINING: Karine, Jenna and Lori attended NAHRO training. Karine went over some topics discussed at the training including interpretation services where we can call anytime to translate any language we need. Also discussed were bedroom counts changing. Both could be cost saving measures and will be added to the next meetings agenda. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2015 at 1:00 pm. FLOOR ITEMS: None at this time. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Blietz/Peterson. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.