

WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
JULY 18, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wescott called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Following the call to order, roll call was taken.

The following Board Members were present:

Present:	Chairman Fred S. Wescott Commission Alanna D. Conard Commissioner Danielle J.A. Potter Commissioner Tasha N. Reddic
Absent:	Vice Chairman Dina M. Getty Commissioner Ronald E. Ballard Commissioner James E. Hughes

Also present: Executive Director Alan Zais and James R. Pirages of the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Following roll call, Chairman Wescott led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests

None.

Changes to Agenda

None.

Public Comments

None

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Alan Zais noted that his written report had accompanied the Board packet that the Commissioners had previously received.

Alan asked the Board if they had any questions regarding that report. No questions were asked by the Commissioners regarding the contents of the Executive Director's written report.

Alan indicated that he had a sensitive matter to bring to the Board's attention involving residents at D'Agnolo Garden Apartments. He said that a senior resident at that site has been generally resistant to the Manager, Melissa. Recently, another individual moved in to D'Agnolo Garden

Apartments who is disabled and the senior resident apparently does not like the disabled resident and has been antagonistic toward him; the senior resident has also involved three or four other residents in this antagonistic conduct, including bullying. While Alan noted that he had previously met with the other residents about their misconduct and, as a result, they have stopped, the senior resident has not. Alan said that the senior resident's misconduct may require the Winnebago County Housing Authority (WCHA) to take action. Alan went on to explain that the senior resident is related to a WCHA Board Member and has been known to tell other residents that she can do whatever she wants because she is related to a Board Member. He said that he has taken steps to put that rumor to a rest and to allay the disabled resident's concerns about being evicted. He said that he had also reached out to the Board Member to advise the Board Member about the conduct of the senior resident (the Board Member's relative). In response to a question from the Commissioners, Alan noted that an eviction is possible with regard to the senior resident if the misconduct continues.

Alan advised the Board that if the disabled resident goes to HUD, he wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were knowledgeable of the above matter and of the steps being taken by the WCHA to address the improper conduct of the senior resident. Alan stated that the WCHA does not provide special treatment to the relatives of Board Members and never has. The relatives of Board Members are subject to the same requirements as other residents and the WCHA will continue to monitor this situation to determine whether further action is to be taken with regard to the problematic senior resident.

Alan also cited to the information in the Executive Director's Report where it is noted that the WCHA has been invited to a roundtable discussion with the Illinois Department of Justice and the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago scheduled for July 31, 2019. This roundtable is with regard to the Graduated Re-entry Program. Alan indicated that the WCHA is developing a high profile based upon its work with this Program and that a representative from the WCHA will be in attendance at the upcoming roundtable.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Conard. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Reddic. The items on the Consent Agenda were approved by unanimous roll call vote of the four (4) Commissioners present with none against and three (3) Commissioners absent.

Financial Report

Finance Director Vickie Huwe was absent. Alan advised the Board that the audit process with regard to the WCHA will begin soon.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Commissioner Comments

None.

Executive Session

None.

Action Taken from Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Conard and that motion was seconded by Commissioner Potter. That motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of all four (4) Commissioners present with none against and three (3) Commissioners absent. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alanna D. Conard, Recording Secretary