



ROCK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Monday, December 5, 2011 - 8:30 A.M.
P & D Conference Room 270
Second Floor, East Wing
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

1. **Call to Order:** After confirming public notice of the meeting, Chair Brian Christianson called the meeting to order at 8:37 A.M.

Members Present: Chair Brian Christianson, Vice Chair Billy Bob Grahn, Anda O'Connell, Jackie Wood

Members Absent: Anna Marie Johnson

Staff Members Present: Neale Thompson

Staff Members Absent: None

Others Present: Director Paul Benjamin, John Ramstad of Community Action, Inc.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda for meeting of December 5, 2011, by Vice Chair Grahn, 2nd by Com'r. O'Connell. Motion carried.
3. **Minutes of Meeting from November 7, 2011.** Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from November 7, 2011, by Com'r. Wood, 2nd by Com'r. O'Connell. Motion passed.
4. **Secretary's Report:** Mr. Somppi reported news from a meeting of HOME Consortium members with the Housing and Energy Department from Community Action and a representative of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Beloit. Issues discussed included HOME funding cuts of up to 18% in 2011 and up to 35%-40% in 2012; the progress of the LHC program; efforts toward inter-agency cooperation between the housing programs and the Weatherization Programs; and a further revision of the tentative 2012 Home budget. Mr. Somppi then reported about mailings to promote rehabilitation programs to residents in the City of Edgerton, selected parts of Rock County, and mailings to Rock County financial institutions and realtors. Mr. Somppi next announced a new grant for Lead Hazard Control that came out early and is due on January 18, 2012. Rock County was fortunate to received detailed feedback about the last LHC application that was not funded. This will allow rock County to improve its application for the next round. Areas of improvement will be in inter-governmental cooperation, use of better internal processing, more uniform processes and terms, stronger monitoring and meetings, grant writing issues, and match uniformity. These funds will be helpful to the partners given cuts in other grant funding. Discussion then covered the State's Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant that is in operation with a major benchmark to accomplish by December 31, 2011. Lastly, Mr. Somppi reported that the Village of Orfordville was approved to receive up to \$297,000 of Small Cities funding in the next year. Rock County entered that municipality in that funding cycle. The Village of Orfordville must complete the final application by the end of February, 2012. Cooperation between the Housing Department and Orfordville are possible and efforts are being made. Discussion covered the six activities possible (owner rehab, rental rehab, public projects, acquisition, and demolition), the chance to gain the CAI Weatherization cooperation and generate greater communication and cooperation.
5. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will follow this meeting.

6. **Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

7. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by Vice Chair Grahn, 2nd by Com'r. O'Connell. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Neale Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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