

BLUFF COUNTRY MINNESOTA MULTI-COUNTY HRA

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

3:30 PM

Houston County Justice Center

Caledonia, MN

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Falbo called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Falbo, Tom Kaase and Sandy Wright

Staff Present: Gerry Krage

III. BUSINESS

A. **Section 8** – Tom F., Tom K., Sandy and Gerry attended the multi county Section 8 meeting just previously (2:00 to 3:30 PM) that was hosted by Houston County. Five counties were represented; Houston, Fillmore, Winona, Dodge and Wabasha. Houston, Fillmore and Dodge had their entire boards present while Winona was represented by two commissioners and Wabasha one. In addition to the 18(?) commissioners numerous staff from the counties, Bluff Country HRA and Semcac were present. A great deal of constructive conversation took place about the future of Section 8 in Southeastern MN. There is a strong desire among all counties present to have Bluff Country HRA administer all Section 8 vouchers in the future. The process to change administrators will be difficult. Winona County volunteered to spearhead the historical legal documentation research, and Houston County volunteered to prepare a draft resolution and speak with HUD. Bluff Country HRA made it crystal clear that they are a viable, experienced and efficient alternative to the present administrator.

B. **Vesterheim Update** – Gerry reported that he met with Dan Christenson, and Nancy Schmidt and Dawn Goldschmitz (MN Housing Partnership) on Monday Feb 13 in Preston. The meeting went very well and all parties left with assignments related to forwarding this project to a conclusion. The conclusion will either be a successful transfer of the property to the Bluff Country HRA or a walk away from the project by all parties. (Nancy and Gerry will also attempt to make contact with the representative from the Altura property).

IV. ADJOURN

Notice of the next meeting will come in the email soon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom K. and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried.