TEXAS HOUSING ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 20, 2012

President Ethel Bluitt called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present:

Ethel Bluitt, Cal Davis, Stan Dulaney, Debra Wells, Robert Crow, Dee Zachry, Johnann Schaefer, Vicki Young, Aileen Montgomery, Cristi LaJeunesse, Virginia Limon, Arnold Padilla, Mike Lopez, Med Daniels, Denish Wilson-Owens, Shirley Hensley, Tammy Hensarling, Carolyn Sessom, Monica Moneymaker and Bernadine Spears.

Excused absences: Bill Miller, Tina Steglich, Nora Rodriguez, Ginger Hendrix and Monica Maldonado.

Also present: Linda Bryant, Jennifer Dugan and Wayne Pollard

Bernie moved and Med seconded to accept the excused absences. All Approved.

**MINUTES**

Monica moved and Carolyn seconded the minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting be approved. All approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Robby presented the financial report for the period October 2011 through July 2012. He stated THA has seen a good year. He reported that only eleven agencies have not paid their dues. He also reported that since Jennifer learned Quick Books it has decreased the amount of time spent on data entry to prepare the financial statements. It was reported that the conference account has $215,000 in it and many of the expenses related to the conference have been paid.

Tammie moved and Bernadine seconded to approve the financial report for October 2012 through July 2012. All approved.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT ON CONFERENCE**

Linda Bryant reported that 640 attendees from 490 housing agencies have registered for the conference. There are 57 exhibits, 101 vendors in attendance this year.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Linda and Jennifer presented awards to the outgoing Board Members and Officers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Determine location for October Board Meeting**

The board discussed the location for the October board meeting. Bernie suggested Dallas for the October meeting location. Stan suggested a more central location such as Austin. A vote was taken and Austin won by a vote of 9 to 7. The date of the meeting should be early October around the 9th and 10th.

**Review of and Report on MOU with TxNAHRO**

Wayne Pollard gave a report on the MOU between THA and TxNAHRO. He stated that the MOU would benefit both agencies by guiding and directing us on housing issues and needs. It was reported that the consultant was instrumental in getting the requirement for a Resident Commissioner for small agencies changed and handled several Section 8 issues at the State and National level.

**Discussion and Determination of Contribution Amount towards Legislative Consultant**

The Legislative Consultant contract will run from June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and will cost $16,500.00. TxNAHRO is asking for assistance from THA for part of the cost of the contract since the work will benefit both organizations. Bernie recommended a split of 65/35 with THA’s portion being $5,775 to see how it works. Shirley suggested the split should be 50/50 since it benefits both parties equally. Bernie stated she recommends the 65/35 split to ease us into the arrangement due to past history. Stan and Med agreed with Bernie.

Bernie moved and Cal seconded that THA jointly be part of the legislative contract as of immediately with a contribution split of 65/35 but not to exceed $5,775.00. All approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNED**

Monica moved and Johnann seconded that we be adjourned. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Wells, Secretary