



**Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 16, 2026  
10:00 a.m.**

The Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority Board of Directors held their first meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026. In attendance for the Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority Board of Directors were Benny Carter (Cherokee County), Bobby Dyer (Canton), Ashley Holcomb (COED), Kendall Jones (Holly Springs), Colin Ake (Woodstock), Greg Elder (At-Large), and David Moody (At-Large). The staff members present at this meeting included Geoff Morton, Brantley Day, Margaret Stallings, Catherine Long, Katie Parker (Cherokee County) Heath Tippens and Elise Holcomb (COED), Ken Patton, Kevin Turner, Jakob Allen, Tyler Peoples (Canton) Nancy Moon (Holly Springs), and Melissa Sigmund (Woodstock).

The meeting was called to order by Kendall Jones at 10:05 a.m.

Brantley Day opened with a welcome and asked for introductions by the Directors and the staff present. Mr. Day discussed a packet of information that was handed out that included a draft copy of proposed bylaws and proposed policies and procedures that would need to be reviewed and adopted. He explained the bylaws flow from the IGA which would be the governing document for the land bank. He introduced Catherine Long as the proposed program manager, along with the county/city/COED staff organization in support of land bank operations. Mr. Day gave a brief history on the Land Bank with the initial discussions beginning in 2022 with the City of Canton. He then recognized Ken Patton for originating the idea as an additional solution to ease the house crisis. The formal start of the Cherokee Regional Land Bank was in August 2025 with City of Canton and Cherokee County adopting the intergovernmental contract (IGA) first, with Holly Springs and Woodstock joining shortly thereafter.

Mr. Day went on to discuss the Cherokee County School District will be appointing an advisor to coordinate with the land bank and we will be looking for an advisor from the tax commissioner as well. He continued by giving some information about the GALBA association (Georgia Association of Land Bank Authorities) which is available for membership and that we are hoping to bring some additional training in. He then turned it over to Catherine Long to speak.

Ms. Long began by discussing some administrative tasks that are needed, went over the additional handouts that included contact information and the organizational chart. She asked for a small group/committee to review the bylaws and policy and procedures in hopes of being ready for adoption at the next meeting. Mr. Ake, Mr. Holcomb, and Mr. Dyer agreed to be on the committee to review the bylaws. She discussed the GALBA summit in October and asked for a discussion on the next meeting date.

Discussion was conducted on what day and times would work best, with a decision being made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the afternoon.

Ms. Long continued discussion on the fact that at the next meeting we should elect officers, and if

possible, adopt bylaws and the policies and procedures. She recommended membership to GALBA with Cherokee County helping with that process.

Mr. Carter said the information they received at the last summit is well worth the membership. He also stated that he was looking forward to moving forward and said thank you for the work thus far.

Mr. Moody asked to adjust the wording in the proposed policy and procedure document on page 3 to the term, "low income". He said public perception matters. Board members and staff then discussed alternatives, including "workforce" and "attainable" housing. Mr. Day stated that the policies and procedures draft document provided was meant as a starting point, with language assembled left unchanged, giving the Board the opportunity to edit and revise according to their specifications.

With no further discussion Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Elder. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.