BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

The following outlines the policy and procedures used by the Broome County Land Bank Corporation ("BCLBC") to ensure financial controls.

- 1. All invoices are reviewed by the Executive Director. After review, the Executive director will deem ready for payment by initialing the invoice and submitting to the bookkeeper who will remit payment.
- 2. Two authorized signers are required for all disbursements. The first signature is that of the Executive Director and the second is in form of the Treasurer or other authorized signer approving / paying the disbursement.
- 3. The bookkeeper will not enter an invoice or submit checks without two authorized signatures.
- 4. Authorized signatories may include any of the following: Executive Director, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary of the board of directors.
- 5. When a one-time or recurring payment via debit from a BCLBC bank account is arranged with a vendor, a voucher shall be prepared and signed by two authorized signers in order to document two-party approval of the transaction. These transactions shall be reported to the bookkeeper for entry into the ledger.
- 6. Internal transfers between accounts for routine cash management may be processed by any signatories on the applicable account. Any withdrawals made shall be authorized by two signatories on the applicable account.
- 7. Bank statements are reviewed by the Executive Director and forwarded to the bookkeeper for reconciling of accounts.
- 8. Bookkeeping staff shall also have online viewing rights to all BCLBC accounts in order to monitor transaction activity for the purposes of fraud-prevention and to reconcile accounts in a timely manner.
- 9. All bank accounts shall be reconciled on a monthly basis by the bookkeeper and reviewed by the Executive Director and the Treasurer.
- 10. A summary of account activity shall be provided to the board of directors at their monthly meetings that will include a budget-to-actual comparison along with a monthly and year-to-date balance.
- 11. Financial ledgers are available for inspection by the Treasurer. An external audit shall be performed each year, should the Board determine that fits the needs of the Land Bank.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on this day _____ of ____, 20___.