

**Minutes of the April 28, 2009  
Executive Board Meeting of the  
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

***CALL TO ORDER***

Chair Chester Mathena called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

***ROLL CALL***

Secretary Paul Lake performed roll call, ten members were present plus one additional member, Barbara Gilliatt, who arrived after roll call. Also in attendance were Lisa Gehlhausen, Sarah Kinder, and Theresa Criss-Hartwig of the Commission's staff and Jon Craig, Bill Byrd and Adam Dickey.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA***

The Minutes of the March 24, 2009 Executive Board Meeting were presented by Chair Mathena for approval. Pat Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Larry Wehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***ADDITION TO THE AGENDA***

None to report.

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise reported that as of April 28, 2009, the closing cash balance was \$191,416.73 which includes the \$50,000.00 in CDs. The outstanding aging schedule reflects \$79,661.67. Noted was that Orange County had paid a portion \$2,780.81 of their 2008 per capita fees and still owes the Commission \$2,048.11. It was noted that Barbara Gilliatt talked with the council and informed the board that the remainder will not be paid until the rest of the county's settlements are in. With no further questions or discussion, John Stutzman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Norman Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

Chair Mathena then turned the meeting over to Ms. Gehlhausen for the Director's Report. Ms. Gehlhausen briefly reported the following:

**Project Developments.** Ms. Gehlhausen told the members that on March 13 three Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant applications were submitted for Gentryville, Petersburg and Crawford County. Eleven appropriations requests were submitted to Baron Hill's office on March 20. On April 14 COPS applications were submitted for new officers and on April 22 to the Department of Justice Rural Law Enforcement grants. Ms. Gehlhausen stated the staff is now getting ready for the deadlines on June 12 and at the end of July to the Disaster Recovery 2 funding.

Plus the CFF applications and the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report is coming up in June. Ms. Gehlhausen stated the staff is meeting their deadlines and are working real hard at this time and stated the Commission should have a good year this year if the money comes from the result of all the hard work on the applications.

Ms. Gehlhausen referred the board to the project status reports for other projects as well. With no questions, a motion was made by Larry Wehr to approve the Director's Report and seconded by Treasurer Schulthise. Motion carried.

***OLD BUSINESS***

None to report.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**Disaster Recovery Funding.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated Appropriations I for Disaster Recovery Funding is only for Pike County and Pike County spent \$201,219.00 for cleaning up after the disaster of 1776. Twenty-five percent (25%) or \$50,304.75 that the county has spent is allowed to be turn into the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and apply for \$50,304.75 to recover their cost with the application due in by June 1. Disaster Recovery Appropriation II, there \$35 million in water and wastewater, \$10 million in economic development programs, \$20 million in storm drainage, \$2.5 million in emergency services and \$2.5 million in downtown revitalizations. All these funding sources have different due dates ranging from April 17. There are various communities that are on the SRF list or the USDA list. Ms. Gehlhausen stated on April 29, Ellen Harper with the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, the liaison for our office will be here at the office to spend the whole day and going through the water and wastewater projects to find out which ones will have a good chance of being funded.

Storm drainage applications are due June 12 there is no special list for storm drainage. The communities that have made it known to go after funding are: Troy, Rockport, Dale, Tell City and Cannelton. The staff are working with these communities to apply up to \$1 million with no match required. The community that has their storm water planning grant completed will have a better chance of being competitive.

Emergency services have \$2.5 million with Pike County EMS, Leavenworth Fire Truck and Huntingburg Fire Station has come forward to seek these funds. The environmental reviews, income surveys and applications must be for low-to-moderate incomes.

Downtown Revitalization has \$2.5 million in disaster recovery II. The projects going in are: Rockport, Petersburg, Tell City and Chrisney. The community can apply for construction or planning grants for downtown revitalization. These applications are due July 31.

Ms. Gehlhausen mentioned that the Office of Community & Rural Affairs may have a third round of Community Focus Funds grant applications submittal in lieu of two rounds as in the past.

INDOT stimulus money hasn't given any announcements yet on which projects will get funded for the communities that have already submitted their applications.

Transportation Enhancement applications are due August 21, 2009.

EDA funding with different matches are still waiting for approval are Beaver Lake in Jasper, Liberty Green in Crawford County, Regional Revolving Loan Fund and Pike County Industrial Park and possibly Springs Valley Water and Dale Water.

Various income surveys are being prepared at this time also in order to be ready for all types of applications. Ms. Gehlhausen stated the more ready the project is the better chance of getting funded.

#### **Resolution for Recommendations to Full Board:**

Ms. Gehlhausen reported that the State Board of Accounts recommends that each fiscal year be closed. She then referred to Resolution 2009-08 to close fiscal year 2008 and approve \$79,050.60 surplus to the fund balance and asked that this Resolution be recommended to the Full Board. With no questions, a motion was made by Pat Ramsey and seconded by Larry Wehr to recommend **Resolution 2009-08** to the Full Board. Motion carried.

#### **Contracts for Approval:**

- Dubois County Area Development Corporation Enterprise Loan Fund (ELF); fee schedule, estimated at \$5,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Norman Dillon and seconded by Treasurer Schulthise. Motion carried.
- Ferdinand Code Book Update; fee schedule, estimated at \$1,200.00. A motion to approve was made by Norman Dillon and seconded by Mary Gogel. Motion carried.
- Jasper Code Book Update; fee schedule, estimated at \$3,200.00. A motion to approve was made by Mary Gogel and seconded by Treasurer Schulthise. Motion carried.
- Troy Master Utility Plan; sum of \$4,500.00. A motion to approve was made by Alan Cassidy and seconded by Norman Dillon. Motion carried.

#### ***ADJOURN***

Before adjournment, Chair Mathena stated to the board that the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board on May 26 may need to be canceled or rescheduled due to a conflict for some members to the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) conference. Ms. Gehlhausen stated she will see how much business will need to be conducted and stated notices will be mailed either way. There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, a motion was made by John Stutzman and seconded by Larry Wehr to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Lake, Secretary