

**Minutes of the June 22, 2010  
Executive Board Meeting of the  
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

***CALL TO ORDER***

Chair Larry Vollmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

***ROLL CALL***

Vice-Chair Paul Lake performed roll call, with six members present plus two additional members arrived during roll call. Also in attendance was Lisa Gehlhausen of the Commission's staff.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA***

The Minutes of the May 25, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented by Chair Vollmer for approval. John Stutzman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Alan Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After the Old Business, Norman Dillon asked for approval to amend his remarks on page 2 and would ask under Old Business, Meetings the last sentence to read as follows: Ms. Gehlhausen stated we are busy but that is no excuse and informed the board that she will talk with the staff to improve communication *with attending meetings in all counties*. Also noted was under Roll Call, *Bill Byrd was not in attendance* at the May 25, 2010 meeting. Vice-Chair Paul Lake motion to rescind the earlier approval of the minutes and Norman Dillon seconded. Motion carried. With the corrections as noted John Stutzman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Patricia Ramsey. Motion carried.

***ADDITION TO THE AGENDA***

Ms. Gehlhausen requested that Orange County DR2 contract amendment be added to the meeting's agenda.

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Ms. Gehlhausen told the board members that Treasurer Beverly Schulthise's husband passed away. A sympathy card was signed by the board. Ms. Gehlhausen stated she did attend the funeral. Ms. Gehlhausen reported the Treasurer's Report as of June 22, 2010, the closing cash balance was \$287,474.78 and that this amount included the \$50,000.00 in CDs. The outstanding aging schedule total \$132,466.33. Ms. Gehlhausen stated we did not receive the amount due for the per capita dues with Orange County yet but the Auditor is working on this matter. With no questions or discussion, Rudy Freeman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Barbara Gilliatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

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

- **Disaster Recovery IIs.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated the staff is working on fourteen water and wastewater projects that are due July 2 with announcements made in September. On June 29 the announcements will be made on the eight stormwater grants that were submitted.

Three debris removal projects and two clearance projects plus community focus funds (CFFs) will be completed this fall. We will be very busy for the remainder of the year.

- **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).** Ms. Gehlhausen told the members medical and dental insurance is going to be changing. We are expecting a change in the regulation to be effective September 23, 2010 to cover the age of dependents. Ms. Gehlhausen stated the current is to age 24 but the new law will change to age 26. Ms. Gehlhausen stated in the Commission's employee handbook it only states dependent and does not define an age but our current dental policy states age 24. Ms. Gehlhausen stated with all the new laws coming forth she would like to possibly have the employee handbook reviewed. After some discussion it was determined to regulate the age effective as of September 23, 2010 on the dental coverage with board reviewing the employee handbook at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Roof.** Ms. Gehlhausen recalled to the board that last month Ron Smith assisted her in making calls to Indiana Insurance. Mr. Dan Megel, claims specialist, with Ron Smith, inspected the roof. The claims specialist climbed the roof and stated that it was evident that hail damage occurred, due to the gutters full with loose materials and the air conditioner unit outside had hail dents on the coils. The west side of the building had the most damage. The damage estimate for repairs came in the amount of \$14,204.29 with a deductible of \$1,000.00. The insurance company is going to provide two separate checks. The first one in the amount of \$8,488.70 which we have received this payment already. Once the work is completed, the final second check in the amount of \$4,716.59 will be submitted. We are getting estimates on asphalt, metal and shaker shingles, covering wood on the building sides, painting on the sides, insulation, replacing a wooden door on the top floor with a metal door for more energy efficient and guttering. Once we get these estimates back, it will be brought to the board for approval on which items to be replaced. There is money in the budget for building improvements. The insurance covers only what is on the building as of now, if we do anything other than that, we would have to pay the difference. Ms. Gehlhausen stated that the month of September is usually a better month to replace the roof when it's not too hot.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Indiana Finance Authority Agreement.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated we have an agreement with the Indiana Finance Authority for labor standards administration and reporting services for Huntingburg and Tell City. Ms. Gehlhausen ask for approval to amend Exhibit A on this agreement to add Paoli for \$5,000.00 to provide for labor standards. Ms. Gehlhausen explained what labor standards consists of. Alan Cassidy made a motion and seconded by Barbara Gilliatt to approve amending the agreement to add Paoli for \$5,000.00. Motion carried.
- **INDOT Rural Transportation Planning Grant.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated that an INDOT grant in the amount of \$33,028.84 with matching funds in the amount of \$7,579.71 was awarded. This grant provides rural transportation planning funds to conduct traffic counts, prepare road maps and improve our GIS department. The grant will run from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. With no further discussion, a motion to approve was made by Rudy Freeman and seconded by Alan Cassidy. Motion carried.
- **Resolution 2010-11.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated Resolution No. 2010-11 is to authorize approval of the commitment of matching funds of \$7,579.71 for the INDOT Rural Transportation Planning Grant. John Stutzman made a motion to approve **Resolution 2010-11** and seconded by Patricia Ramsey. Motion carried.
- **Orange County DR2.** Ms. Gehlhausen stated back at the January meeting, the board had approved and signed a contract between Indiana 15 and the Orange County Commissioners to administer the Disaster Recovery 2 grant. This project will bring potable drinking water to the Southeast Orange County and connection into Posey Township Water. The grant amount was for \$3,497,561.00 and US Rural Development is going to provide a loan in the amount of \$1,147,354.00. Ms. Gehlhausen stated when going through the grant procurement the County went through a small purchase grant procurement, but the contract that we signed was for \$55,500.00 (administration \$48,500.00, labor standards \$7,000.00) and we are not allowed to go through the small purchase unless it is \$50,000.00 or less. Ms. Gehlhausen asked for approval to amend the contract to lower the contract to exactly \$50,000.00 (administration \$43,000.00, labor standards \$7,000.00) due to the timing of closing of the loan. I have two options: 1) Go through the 30 day process or 2) change the contract amount. There is a \$12 million dollar loan that needs to be closed on Thursday. After some discussion, John Stutzman made a motion to reduce the contract from \$55,500.00 to \$50,000.00 and seconded by Patricia Ramsey. Motion carried.

Before adjournment, Norman Dillon stated Tom Mosley told him that the State (IFA) will not be providing the 20% match on the Jean's Junction cleaning grant. Ms. Gehlhausen replied if you recall EPA awarded Jean's Junction up to \$200,000.00 to clean that site up and with this award the State said they will put in 20% (\$40,000.00) match. Now the State (Indiana Finance Authority) is saying through a conference call with Tom, Jim McGoff and Sara Westrick they can no longer put up the 20% match. They sent that money back to the General Fund in the State of Indiana. Mr. McGoff is trying to come up with this match out of a different pot of money. He is supposed to get back with Ms. Gehlhausen. It's bad that they said they would match it and now that they won't but then he is also trying to see how they can. Ms. Gehlhausen stated we wanted to keep this Brownfield program going. We completed the Phase I and Phase II and now proposing clean-up. We were going after EPA monies always thinking that Indiana would be there supporting what we are doing too. The future of that 20% is not in her opinion will be there. The question more so on our minds would be are we going to turn in a grant this fall for more assessments or clean up and if we do it, we will have to come up the 20% match. Mr. Dillon thinks the State needs to be accountable for this. The money should have been put aside into a fund for these funded projects that they said they would match. It is hard for communities to have this kind of money. Maybe a letter or talking with congressmen, US senators, the Governor and representatives of the area to get with the State and say it is not okay to say something and then take it away. Ms. Gehlhausen stated she did write a letter about ten days ago explaining the situation and if they would waive the 20% match but no reply has been made.

***ADJOURN***

Chair Vollmer reminded the board the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. With there being no further business to come before the Executive Board, a motion was made by John Stutzman and seconded by Norman Dillon to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Gilliatt, Secretary

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