

**Minutes of the November 24, 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

Vice-Chair Larry Vollmer performed roll call, nine members were present. Also in attendance were Lisa Gehlhausen of the Commission's staff, and Alex Sondeen with the Herald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The Minutes of the October 27, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise reported the cash balance as of November 17 with updates up to November 24, 2009 with the closing cash balance at \$189,155.31 which reflects the \$50,000.00 in CDs. The outstanding aging schedule reported as \$104,916.61. Ms. Gehlhausen reported the \$10,000.00 towards the principal amount of the mortgage debt was paid as per last month's board approval leaving the loan debt balance as of November 30, 2009 at \$79,139.57. With no further questions or discussion, John Stutzman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Vice-Chair Vollmer 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 passed around a handout and reported workshops and trainings coming up within the district as follows:

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Workshop Schedules. Ms. Gehlhausen stated she received an e-mail from OCRA listing workshops, awards ceremonies, CDBG training, and various grant due dates for 2010. Indiana 15 staff will be attending these workshops on behalf of the district but wanted to welcome others to attend as well. The Disaster Recover 2 is a great program that requires little or no match for many identified projects. Try to attend any of the workshops held in Indianapolis at the Government Center.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local Official Training. Ms. Gehlhausen stated OCRA has selected eight different sites to conduct local official CDBG training on the Community Focus Fund Program. To learn more about the CDBG Program register through OCRA at www.OCRA.in.gov. Indiana 15 will be hosting one of the local official training in Ferdinand.

CFF Applications. Ms. Gehlhausen mentioned that two of the four CFF applications that were pending were funded: 1) Dubois Library and 2) Cannelton Stormwater Drainage. Disaster Recovery 2 monies will be sought on the Rockport and Dale Stormwater which were not awarded.

Orange County DR2. Ms. Gehlhausen stated a grant is pending with the DR2 program for Orange County to bring water to the southeast part of Orange County and into the Hardinsburg area. The grant request is approximately \$3,500,000.00. Announcements are expected soon.

Income Surveys. Ms. Gehlhausen stated many income surveys are currently underway to determine if communities are eligible to receive Disaster Recovery 2 or CFF funding.

Energy.IN.gov. Ms. Gehlhausen re-mentioned the energy efficiency community block grant and stated the program will not allow roofs. Ms. Gehlhausen reported an energy audit was conducted on Indiana 15's building. Costs are being sought for recommended improvements to be included in the application due on December 7. Dubois County is the applicant on behalf of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Chairman. Ms. Gehlhausen applauded Mr. Chester Mathena who has been our Chair for two years. His term will be ending with a new Chairman to be appointed in 2010. Chester has done a terrific job as Chair. We reconvene in January and I wanted to make sure I *thanked* him for his dedication, keeping the meetings on time, and truly appreciate his service. Mr. Mathena thanked her. (All in attendance clapped)

With no further questions, a motion was made by Mary Gogel to approve the Director's Report and seconded by Larry Wehr. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Contracts for Approval:

After discussing the following contracts, a motion was made by John Stutzman and seconded by Treasurer Schulthise to approve as a group. Motion carried. With no questions or comments, Alan Cassidy made a motion to approve all five contracts and seconded by Treasurer Schulthise. Motion carried:

- Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (Dubois County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; sum of \$18,000.00
- Tell City Stormwater Drainage (DR2-09-027); sum of \$35,000.00
- Tell City Combined Sewer (DR2-09-062); sum of \$47,000.00
- Petersburg Downtown Plan (DR2-09-051); sum of \$4,500.00
- Spencer County Christian Resource Center Feasibility Study (PL-09-009); sum of \$4,500.00

ADJOURN

Before adjournment, Ms. Gehlhausen stated to the board that there will be no December meeting. Certificate of Appointments will be in the mail shortly and would love to have each one of the members back next year and thanked them for their support. There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, a motion was made by Pat Ramsey and seconded by Mary Gogel to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Gilliatt, Secretary

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