

**Minutes of the October 27, 2015
Full Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rudy Freeman welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Tara Damin performed roll call; twenty-eight members were present. Also in attendance was Lisa Gehlhausen Executive Director and Nathan Held Senior Project Administrator of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Freeman presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held August 25, 2015. Thomas Lamb made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Chris Cail seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise reported receipts as of October 27th were \$30,142.30 and disbursements were \$25,268.04. The actual cash balance is \$741,537.58. The aging schedule total is \$23,464.00. There are two CD's totaling \$500,000.00. The restricted savings has a balance of \$9,311.77. Larry Vollmer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, and Charmian Klem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Freeman turned the meeting over to Lisa Gehlhausen for the Director's Report. Ms. Gehlhausen referred Board members to the project status reports and highlighted current projects as follows:

- Elliot Englert is conducting traffic counts in Orange County.
- Cheri Taylor finished Community Development Block Grant training with OCRA. She is working with the town of English on a water project and is preparing an income survey to go out next week.
- Nathan Held just completed submitting a Workforce Development Project for Tell City. He has also submitted a planning grant for the town of Holland.
- Lisa Gehlhausen will be submitting a feasibility study on a town-owned building for Marengo, Huntingburg Market Street project and Huntingburg Senior Center project.
- **FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant** – The staff listened to a webinar this week on the Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG). The notice of federal awards are expected on November 16 for fire vehicles, turnout gear, fill stations, ambulances, etc. The applications will probably be due on December 16 or 30 days after the federal announcement. We are working with Anderson Township (Perry), Central Perry, Ferdinand and Santa Claus fire departments. All fire departments are required to have a System Award Management (SAM) number. Central Perry FD still needs to obtain a SAM number. Webinars are offered weekly – Monday is vehicles, Tuesday is regional applications, Wednesday and Thursday has additional topics.
- **Stronger Economies Together (SET) initiative** - A Community Forum is scheduled for this Thursday, October 29th at the Ferdinand Community Center. This will be a three-hour regional public input session. We are to think regionally and talk about opportunities, strengths, and challenges. Board members were asked to try to attend this forum and bring along a list of opportunities, strengths and challenges to contribute. This will be a working meeting and it is open to the public. Purdue Center for Research and Development will facilitate the meeting. We invited State Legislators, Federal Legislative staff, business, industry, youth, community foundations, education, etc to attend. Our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is due in April. This process will contribute to our CEDS.
- **Workforce Development Program** – Nathan Held spoke to the Board about the 2015 pilot Workforce Development Program through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The program was rolled out in late July with proposals due at the end of August. Applications were due on October 23rd. The maximum grant amount was \$250,000, and had a 20% match. 15% of the match could be in-kind, this could be rent for example, and 5% had to be cash match. In order to receive the full amount, 50 people had to be trained. 51% of those trained must be low-to-moderate household income. The applicant had to be a city, town or county and the application needed to have a regional focus. The need for the specific training applied for in the defined region had to be documented. For the submitted Tell City application, the focus was workforce training for

unemployed or under-employed individuals. Four manufacturers in Perry County were involved in the development of the program. Their need was for basic work ready skills. Currently there are roughly 400 jobs that are unfilled in Perry County. Tell City was already part of a 501c(3) – the Perry County Business and Industry Development Corporation – created in 2014 for the purpose of developing workforce training. Using the interview process, Ivy Tech Community College was chosen as the trainer, private trainers are also allowed by the program. Tell City served as the lead partner and they defined their region as Perry, Spencer, Dubois and Crawford counties. They entered into cooperation agreements with each of the counties for this project to assist with promotion, etc but not financially. Once all four counties were on-board, they worked on partnership. The partners can act in an advisory or active role (volunteers that help with the training). They entered into partnership agreements with 27 organizations – all school corporations-promoting to graduating students and parents, all four Local Economic Development Organizations, eight industries (promoting to those interviewing but not qualified), and service agencies (WorkOne, Lincoln Hills Development Corporation). The project with Ivy Tech is termed SWIM+ - Southwest Indiana Manufacturing project which introduces work ready skills plus an introduction to more advanced manufacturing training.

Should this program be sustained others may wish to apply.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2016 Budget – No changes have been made since it was presented to the Full Board in August.

Resolutions for Recommendation to Full Board.

- Resolution No.: 2015-11 – Adoption of the Fiscal 2016 operating budget.
- Resolution No.: 2015-12 – Authorizing adjustments in salaries of staff for Fiscal 2016.
- Resolution No.: 2015-13 – Establishing the Fiscal 2016 schedule of fees.

After discussion of the 2016 proposed budget, Dianne Rudolph made a motion to combine the three resolutions into one vote, Al Logsdon seconded and motion carried. Motion to approve resolutions was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussions or business to come before the Full Board, Greg Schnarr made a motion to adjourn, Steve McPherron seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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