

**Minutes of the November 13, 2018
Full Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Al Logsdon welcomed the Full Board members and called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

Secretary Paul Lorey performed roll call; twenty-two members were present. Lisa Gehlhausen and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Al Logsdon presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held October 23, 2018. Todd Ruxer made a motion to approve the minutes, Don Brewer seconded the motion and motion carried.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairman Al Logsdon called for additional agenda items. Lisa Gehlhausen asked to add Resolution 2018-18, Retaining Greg Schnarr as Commission attorney, for approval.

A motion to add Resolution 2018-18 for approval was made by Mike Haverstock, Todd Ruxer seconded the motion and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of November 13th receipts were \$31,463.30 and disbursements were \$15,969.39. The actual total cash balance is \$746,274.01. The total aging schedule was \$83,000. The Commission has one 24-month CD totaling \$250,000.00, one 18-month CD totaling \$9,796.50, one 18-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and two 24-month CDs totaling \$50,000 for a total investment of \$609,796.50. The restricted savings has a balance of \$4,400.10.

Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, motion was seconded by Todd Ruxer, and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Al Logsdon called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Lisa Gehlhausen. Ms. Gehlhausen reported on projects as follows:

- Ms. Lisa Gehlhausen stated the 2019 Certificates of Appointment had been sent out. Some have been returned but more are expected toward the end of the year.
- An Indiana Association of Regional Councils training was held on November 8th and 9th. Lisa Gehlhausen and Nathan Held attended the training in Indianapolis, the Lieutenant Governor was a speaker. There were many good sessions on broadband, Indiana Code and other informative material. Four awards were distributed at the training as well; Jasper received a Redevelopment Award for thirteen years of redevelopment along Patoka River. Mayor Terry Seitz and former Mayor Bill Schmitt were present to receive this award.
- On November 13th, staff of the Commission-Lisa Gehlhausen, Nathan Held, and Cheri Taylor, along with Chairman Al Logsdon participated in a peer review from Kyle Darton and Michelle Velazquez, of the Economic Development Administration (EDA). EDA conducts a peer review every three years to see how agencies funded are performing and meeting their standards to receive the \$70,000 annual planning grant. Early that morning, Lisa acted as a peer reviewer of River Hills EDA and Jill Saegasser of River Hills acted as the peer reviewer of Indiana 15.
- On November 6th Lisa Gehlhausen conducted employee evaluations of the staff at Indiana 15. All evaluations went well.
- The entry foyer floor of Indiana 15 is in need of repair. The tiles are cracking and separating from the floor. The Commission is collecting quotes at this time to replace the tiles.

- The annual CEDS update is due in April. Each county needs to remove completed projects and add new projects on the project prioritization sheet of the CEDS. It is very important to update the project lists as the Commission uses the list as a guide at the office. CEDS is also being recognized at the mid-states level (EDA), national level (NADO) and state level (OCRA). If projects are part of a regional plan OCRA now awards 25 extra points to the application score. These points are valuable for a competitive Community Development Block Grant and can aid in whether the project is funded. Petersburg Blight project recently presented their project as part of a regional plan and received these extra points.
- Community Crossings Matching Grant awardees were announced November 7th. The six-county total award is \$5,453,750. The region has six counties, six cities, and twenty-one towns; of these thirty-three, sixteen were awarded. There was not as much money to be distributed this year causing fewer towns to be awarded. This resulted in communities with good applications to not receive an award. If your area was not funded this time, the next round will be in January. Try to figure out what may need to be improved in your community's application and apply again since ones that were awarded this time will not apply in the next round. Members of the Board also discussed strengths and weaknesses of the application process and what their communities could do differently the next round.
- OCRA is encouraging Regional Stellar, discussing water/wastewater and infrastructure funding. Indiana 15 has a list of projects in this category so the Commission will keep an eye on this possibility. OCRA is encouraging doing water projects together as communities or regionally. Most of the loan programs for water, wastewater or stormwater have to have the assets mapped out. Communities need to make sure they have their asset management mapped out as this is part of the application process. Funding may not be awarded if assets are not mapped. OCRA wants to see that communities know what their assets are.
- Three AFG (Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant) applications from the district have been submitted to FEMA. Indiana 15 assisted two of the three AFG's. Ferdinand submitted a ladder truck application and Crawford County submitted an ambulance application. Jasper submitted an application on their own for 30 sets of SCBA's (breathing apparatus). FEMA has a \$50,000 small pool for departments needing assistance on smaller projects giving a better chance for the project to be funded.
- Indiana 15 is currently working on three EDA projects. The Jasper Waterline project is underway, Pike County Entrepreneurship and Technology Center received authorization to receive bids, and Perry County Port Authority has sent the plans and specs to EDA and are waiting authorization to receive bids.
- Indiana 15 has a list of eighteen potential projects for 2019.
- On November 14th, Nick Goodwin and Lisa Gehlhausen will take Fred Bartman of EPA around to tour potential Brownfield sites. Indiana 15 received another three-year grant, ending in 2021, from EPA for \$400,000. Phase I's and Phase II's will be conducted throughout the region. This is the Commission's third three-year EPA Brownfields grant.

OLD BUSINESS

- Indiana 15 has asked for an increase of \$14,000 in Per Capita Dues from each of the six-counties to share collectively; this is based on population. All six-counties have put this increase into their budget and have been submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance for review. After this review, the per capita fee should increase.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

Resolutions for Approval

- Resolution 2018-17; adoption of the 2019 Operating Budget.

Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget, Patricia Hahus seconded the motion. Al Logsdon asked that a roll call vote be made to approve the 2019 Operating Budget. Paul Lorey performed a roll call vote resulting in twenty-two "yay's" approving the budget.

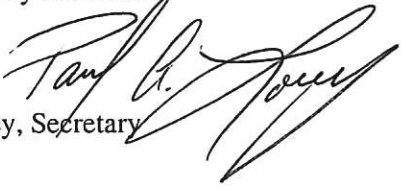
- Resolution 2018-18; retaining Greg Schnarr. Al Logsdon called for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18, retaining Greg Schnarr as attorney of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Don Brewer made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18, Larry James seconded the motion and motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Full Board, Chairman Al Logsdon called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Don Brewer, motion was seconded by Larry James and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the Full Board will be held January 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Lorey, Secretary
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