

**Minutes of the February 26, 2019
Executive Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Paul Lorey called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Paul Lorey performed roll call; seven members were present. Lisa Gehlhausen and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

PLEDGE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Secretary Paul Lorey presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held November 13, 2018. Jim Springer made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann Cummings seconded the motion and motion carried.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Secretary Paul Lorey called for additional agenda items. Lisa Gehlhausen asked for the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program be added to the agenda. Beverly Schulthise made a motion to add the Next Level Connections to the agenda, Whitney Timberlake seconded the motion and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of February 15th receipts were \$45,323.81 and disbursements were \$43,589.01. The actual total cash balance is \$785,336.10. The total aging schedule was \$53,236.85. The Commission has one 24-month CD totaling \$250,000.00, one 18-month CD totaling \$9,796.50, one 21-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 \$6,400.65.

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, Mary Ann Cummings seconded the motion and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Secretary Paul Lorey called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Lisa Gehlhausen. Ms. Gehlhausen reported on projects as follows:

- OCRA monitored the Huntingburg Stellar and the Crawford County Proctor House projects with no findings, these projects are now closed out.
- The Petersburg Plan Commission met and will recommend the Petersburg Comprehensive Plan to the City Council for their Monday night meeting to finalize the Plan.
- There are two Broadband Planning Grants, Dale and English, Marengo, and Milltown combined. The projects are in the selection of the planning consultant stage. Qualifications are due in early March, at that time we will have a selection of consultants for both projects.
- EDA-Jasper Waterline project is underway and ahead of schedule. EDA-Perry County Port Authority project consists of waterline, port and rail improvements; EDA has yet to approve advertisement for bids. EDA-Pike County Entrepreneurship and Technology Center has been bid. The bids have come in high, conference calls will be made to the Economic Development Administration to see how to handle the finances for the project.
- Indiana 15 received a quote for replacing the laminate in the foyer, new tile will be laid soon. Quotes for a new telephone system have been received. A new system has been in the budget and will be replaced in March.
- The Town of Birdseye is applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a fire station and the City of Cannelton is submitting a planning grant to study the old gymnasium. There are two income surveys taking place, Leavenworth and French Lick/West Baden Springs, to see if these communities are eligible for CDBG funds.
- Lisa Gehlhausen attended a Dubois County Economic Development Summit and will attend a Pike County Economic Development Summit to participate on their panel.
- Milltown is preparing for a wastewater construction grant. The planning grant is complete and the construction application will go in Round II of 2019.
- Ferdinand Code, Jasper Code, and Ferdinand Base and Zone Map updates have been completed. The Spencer County Map is in the final stages of review.

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- The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is due April 30th. It is very important to add/delete projects to the priority list to earn extra points through OCRA and receive funding from EDA. Send in your project updates to Indiana 15, the CEDS draft is due March 31st to put out for a 30-day public comment period before the final due date.
- Next Levels Connections information is available at www.in.gov/ocra. Next Level Connections is part of the Governors agenda to bring broadband to unserved areas. The website shows a detailed map of unserved areas indicated in blue, OCRA wants the areas of need to be adjacent to each other. The Broadband providers are the applicant for the program not the City or Town. A provider can apply for up to \$5 million, with a 80% grant, 20% provider match. The first round of applications for unserved areas is due April 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions for Approval

- Resolution 2019-10 – Designating German American Bank as the depository for funds and authorizing agents to exercise powers granted for the checking account.

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10, Jim Springer seconded the motion and motion carried.

- Resolution 2019-11 – Designating German American Bank as the depository for funds and authorizing agents to exercise powers granted for the savings account.

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11, Jim Springer seconded the motion and motion carried.

Contracts for Approval

- Petersburg Clearance; sum of \$40,000
- Dale Broadband Plan; sum of \$5,556
- English Broadband Plan; sum of \$5,556

Whitney Timberlake made a motion to lump the Petersburg Clearance, Dale Broadband Plan, and English Broadband Plan contracts into one motion, Michael Johannes seconded the motion, and motion carried. Whitney Timberlake made a motion to approve the three contracts, Michael Johannes seconded the motion and motion carried.

Other

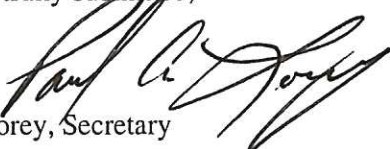
- Treasurer's Bond with Auto-Owners Insurance Company;

Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve the purchase of the \$30,000 Treasurer's Bond for \$150.00, Michael Johannes seconded the motion, and motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Secretary Paul Lorey called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Beverly Schulthise, seconded by Whitney Timberlake and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. The Executive Board will meet on March 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Lorey, Secretary

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