

**Minutes of the July 27, 2021
Electronic Executive Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tara Damin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Mary Ann Cummings performed roll call. Board members present were Tara Damin, Mary Ann Cummings, Beverly Schulthise, Bill Breeding, Melanie Barrett and Don Winkler; electronic was Tom Hauser; and absent were Paul Lorey, John Noblitt, Jon Craig, and Stephen Bartels. A quorum was met. Lisa Gehlhausen and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Tara Damin presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held June 22, 2021. Don Winkler made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mary Ann Cummings seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Tara Damin called for additional agenda items. None were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of July 19th, receipts were \$247.95 and disbursements were \$31,439.16. The actual total cash balance is \$813,314.36. The total aging schedule was \$19,014.41. There are two 12-month CDs totaling \$250,000.00 and an 18-month CD totaling \$150,000.00 for a total investment of \$650,000.00. The restricted savings has a balance of \$4,497.91. Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bill Breeding seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Tara Damin called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Lisa Gehlhausen. Ms. Gehlhausen reported on projects as follows:

- Applications are due July 12 to apply for RAISE funds. Perry County Port Authority will submit an application to replace track.
- The City of Tell City will submit a \$1.6 million grant from the US Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program on July 29th. Tell City will be providing a local match of \$400,000, with a total project cost of \$2 million. The project includes improvements to safely move product from barge to truck.
- Cheri submitted a Local Technical Assistance grant application on July 22nd to the Economic Development Administration for \$100,000 with a \$100,000 match. The grant will be used for new Industry Cluster research.
- The Perry County Innovation Center will be applying for a \$2 million grant for USDA-Rise funds, due on August 2nd. There is a 20% match.
- EDA announced six new funding opportunity programs on July 27th. These programs are Build Back Better Regional Challenge - \$1 billion available, Good Jobs Challenge - \$500 million available, Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants - \$500 million available, Indigenous Communities Grants - \$100 million available, Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Grants - \$750 million available, and Statewide Planning, Research and Networks Grants - \$90 million available. Applications are open. Deadlines will vary based on the program type.
- AmeriCorps fellow interviews have taken place.
- READI region made up of Knox, Pike, Perry, Spencer, and Harrison counties is accepting project needs.
- OCRA projects pending are Can-Clay clean-up and Dale wastewater.
- SWIF/IFA award announcements have been delayed to August 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Health Insurance discussion – the Board discussed the healthcare options that were presented. The Board was fine with the options presented. They decided to have the Executive Director make final decision. Bill Breeding made a motion to allow the Executive Director make the final decision on health, vision, dental and life insurance changes. The motion was seconded by Don Winkler. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Smoke alarm/security system
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the installation of the Astro Security system and monitoring for a total of \$1,985, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

Contracts for Approval

- Grandview Park Plan; sum of \$3,500
Don Winkler made a motion to approve the Grandview Park Plan contract, seconded by Beverly Schulthise. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

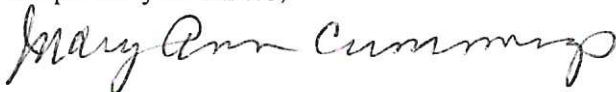
Other

- Non-compete agreement – Leah Hawkins
Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve the non-compete agreement with Leah Hawkins, seconded by Bill Breeding. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.
- Non-compete agreement – Luke Thomas
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the non-compete agreement with Luke Thomas, seconded by Don Winkler. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion to come before the Executive Board, Chair Tara Damin called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Bill Breeding, Mary Ann Cummings seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with seven in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. The Executive Board will meet next on Tuesday, July 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Cummings, Secretary

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