

**Minutes of the August 24, 2021
Full Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tara Damin welcomed the Full Board members and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Mary Ann Cummings performed roll call. Board members present were Bill Breeding, Bill Byrd, Nick Hostetter, Charmian Klem, Paul Lorey, Mary Ann Cummings, Beverly Schulthise, Melanie Barrett, John Noblitt, Danny Hickman, John Harrison, Tom Hauser, Tara Damin, Joe Hermann, David Etienne, Brenda Pohl, Larry Kleeman, Bernard Linne, Debra Lamb, Heather Gries, Todd Ruxer, Mason Seay, Don Wertman, Michael Johannes and Steve Bartels. Absent were Morton Dale, Tarra Carothers, Lucy Veltman, Mike Haverstock, Paul Lake, Marshall Noble, Carl Anderson, Jack Hinkle, Jon Craig, Mark Flint, Ryan Coleman, Todd Meadors, Jody Hoover, Ron Beadles, Don Winkler and Angie Fischer. No members attended electronically. A quorum was met of 25 members. Lisa Gehlhausen, Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Tara Damin presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held April 27, 2021 and Special Board meeting held June 22, 2021. Don Wertman made a motion to approve both minutes, seconded by Charmian Klem and motion carried.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Tara Damin asked for any additions to the agenda. None presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of August 13th, receipts were \$1,800.00 and disbursements were \$15,753.41. Since the report, additional receipts were \$9,246.52. The actual total cash balance is \$790,728.46. The total aging schedule was \$8,114.64. 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. Steve Bartels made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tom Hauser seconded the motion and motion carried.

Discussion of creating an RLF with excess funds was held. The Commission will contact State Board of Accounts and other Regional Planning Commission's to determine the process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Tara Damin turned the meeting over to Lisa Gehlhausen. The Director's Report was given as follows:

- The Commission had a Peer Review on August 11th with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and another similar Regional Planning Commission. No feedback has been given by EDA as of yet.
- There are six new programs coming from EDA. The first program is Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation with \$4-\$5 Million dollars available for Indiana. Projects in this program having a national tourism impact are due end of January. Second program is Good Jobs Challenge. There is a new Century 21st Talent Region that lines up with our six counties called Southern Indiana Gateway. Nathan will meet with Southern Indiana Gateway to see if they meet criteria for the Good Jobs Challenge program. Economic Adjustment Assistance is the third program. This program is for projects with job creation, retention or private investment. All communities are eligible for this grant. It is 80% grant, 20% local match for public infrastructure in support of economic development. Build Back Better is another program through EDA. It is for transformative projects, Regions working together with other Regions. Indiana 15 is having discussions with SIDC and Thrive West Central to apply through this program.
- SWIF/IFA award announcements have been delayed to August 27th.
- There are two OCRA Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) pending approval - Can-Clay clean-up and Dale wastewater. They will be announced September 9th.
- OCRA visited the City of Jasper on August 19th. Jasper is one of five finalists for the Preserving Indiana Main Street program totaling \$2 Million. Announcements will be made in September.

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- READI Region-Indiana First includes Pike, Spencer, Perry, Harrison, and Knox. Rundel Ernstburger is working with READI Indiana First. They accepted projects to determine how much are private investment, government funds and READI funds. This information will be submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Commission by the end of September. Indiana 15 may administer funds if Indiana First is chosen.
- OCRA has a Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) for four communities in Indiana to use ARFA funds due October 1st.
- Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) has funding for Transportation and Stormwater.
- Project Status Reports are available to all Board Members for review.

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021 Mid-Year Budget was discussed.

Resolutions for Approval:

- Resolution 2021-16 - 2021 Mid-Year Budget
Paul Lorey made a motion to approve the 2021 Mid-Year Budget, seconded by John Noblitt. A roll call vote was conducted passing with 25 yeas and 16 nays.

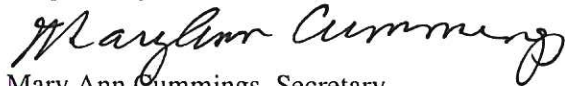
Other:

- Resolutions 2021-17, Appropriation of 2023 Per Capita Budget
- Resolutions 2021-18, Appropriation of 2024 Per Capita Budget
- Resolutions 2021-19, Appropriation of 2025 Per Capita Budget
Paul Lorey made a motion to combine Resolution 2021-17, 2021-18 and 2021-19, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings and motion carried. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve to approve the Resolutions, seconded by Tom Hauser and motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussions or business to come before the Full Board, Chair Tara Damin called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Charmian Klem, seconded by Steve Bartels and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Cummings, Secretary

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