

**Minutes of the February 22, 2022  
Executive Board Meeting of the  
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paul Lorey called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Michael Johannes performed roll call. Board members present were Paul Lorey, Michael Johannes, Beverly Schulthise, Bill Byrd, Mary Ann Cummings and Angie Fischer; electronic were Todd Meadors and Debra Lamb; absent were Zach Brown, Tom Hauser and Stephen Bartels. A quorum was met of eight members. Lisa Gehlhausen, Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

Chair Paul Lorey presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held November 23, 2021. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Ann Cummings seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.

**AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Chair Paul Lorey called for additional agenda items. Ms. Gehlhausen asked for Resolutions 2022-08, 2022-09 and 2022-10, Summer Intern, and Project Assistant be added to the agenda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of February 14<sup>th</sup> receipts were \$16,525.04 and disbursements were \$16,163.17. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were \$42,292.90. The actual total cash balance is \$835,763.54. The total aging schedule was \$24,336.76. There is one 12-month CD totaling \$250,000.00, one 18-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and one 24-month CD totaling \$150,000.00. The restricted savings has a balance of \$4,498.59. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- Newsletter should have been received.
- Leah Hawkins-Resiliency Coordinator, updated the Board on the status of the Resiliency Plan. The Title of the Resiliency Plan is Steadfast: Creating Deeper Roots for a Stronger Future. The fifth taskforce meeting was held earlier today, defining the strategies to accomplish the six goals and pillars. There will be a meeting next month and continued meetings up until the Summit. Leah reported she has received drafts of the introduction and first chapter as well as a draft of the technical analysis on our region. The upcoming meeting will discuss how those strategies can be implemented and who will be implementing them. The Summit will be held on May 17 at 6:00 p.m. eastern time introducing the draft plan and excepting any feedback from the public. A save the date will be sent out via email to all Board Members and key stakeholders this week. A mailed invitation will be sent at the beginning of March. The six pillars of the plan are Education, Housing, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Quality of Life and Governance. Leah stated this is a great taskforce group of members who are very passionate about each of these pillars. The hope is to include parts of the plan into the CEDS and Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. It is not just a COVID-19 specific plan, it has been brought forth because of COVID but the hope is to implement many of these strategies when the next hardship comes. Lisa thanked EDA for funding the Resiliency Plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Executive Director succession planning. Promotion or job change by the Executive Director must be approved by the Executive Board or the Full Commission. Lisa would like to have the Executive Board and any volunteers from the Full Board to serve on the search committee. It was decided a closed meeting will be held before the Executive Board meetings at 5:30.
- Indiana 15 is in need of a Summer Intern for GIS mapping and a Project Assistant. Lisa asked permission to advertise for these two positions.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

Resolutions for Recommendation to Full Board

- Designating German American Bank as the depository for funds and authorizing agents to exercise the powers granted (Resolution 2022-05) (Checking Account). Bill Byrd made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 seconded by Michael Johannes. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Designating German American Bank as the depository for funds and authorizing agents to exercise the powers granted (Resolution 2022-06) (Savings Account). Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 seconded by Bill Byrd. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Approval to dispose of laptop – FA# 364 (Resolution 2022-07). Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Approval of Checking Account Signature Card (Resolution 2022-08). Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Approval of Savings Account Signature Card (Resolution 2022-09). Bill Byrd made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Approval to dispose printer (Resolution 2022-10). Angie Fischer made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10, seconded by Beverly Schulthise. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Paul Lorey asked for a motion to advertise for hiring a Project Assistant and in addition an intern pending Full Board approval. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve advertisement of the two positions, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.

Contracts for Approval

None Presented

Other

- Treasurer's bond with Auto-Owners Insurance Company. Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve the Treasurers bond, seconded by Bill Byrd. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor.
- Discussion has been held to have more guest speakers at full board meetings from EDA and USDA to learn about programs available.
- After the Resiliency Plan is in place it would be good to invite Elected Officials (County Council, County Commissioner's, Mayors) from communities and counties of the region to meet to discuss what is being accomplished and how Indiana 15 can assist their communities.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Chair Paul Lorey called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Beverly Schulthise, seconded by Bill Byrd. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with eight in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The Executive Board will meet next on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Johannes, Secretary

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