

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Lorey called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Paul Lorey called for additional agenda items. None were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Paul Lorey presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held February 22, 2022. Tom Hauser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Ann Cummings and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of March 15th receipts were \$35,000.00 and disbursements were \$17,234.60. The actual total cash balance is \$829,170.43. The total aging schedule was \$20,343.56. 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. Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bill Byrd pending audit and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Lisa Gehlhausen stated the Resiliency and Recovery Plan Summit will be held on May 17th at the Ferdinand Community Center.
 - Lisa stated four contracts have been signed for an over \$18 million Petersburg water project.
 - Lisa also reported the Perry County Port Authority \$4.5 million bridge improvements project through EDA. Bridge 11.7 construction is complete and the final design and USACE Permit/IDNR Permit are needed for Bridge 8.1.
 - Lisa is assisting with three EDA ARPA grants.
 - Santa Claus EDA ARPA Tourism \$1.2 million application was submitted October 21, 2021 for water improvements. The "Merits Further Consideration" requested documents were submitted to EDA in January of 2022.
 - The Huntingburg Wastewater \$20 million application was resubmitted August 2021 though ARPA Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. The "Merits Further Consideration" requested information was submitted in February of 2022.
 - Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District \$4.6 million water project EDA ARPA application was submitted in December 2021. The "Merits Further Consideration" requested documents were submitted to EDA in March of 2022.
 - Lisa reported the Tell City/Perry County Port – USDOT/ Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) \$2 million project environmental review has been sent to MARAD.
 - Lisa is assisting with three park and recreation projects, two in Dubois County and one in Tell City. The Dubois County Park Plan public meeting was held March 9, 2022 and Dubois County Park LWCF ground breaking was held February 21, 2022. The Tell City Pool LWCF construction is underway.
- Nathan Held is working with the City of Rockport to update their Five-Year Park and Recreation Master Plan.
 - Nathan is also developing applications on behalf of Paoli and Chrisney to submit to OCRA for water improvements. Proposals are due April 29 and applications are due July 1.
 - Nathan is also in charge of the \$15 million regional READI project.
 - He is also submitting an application for a Grandview master utility plan.

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- Jenny Matheis is developing applications on behalf of Marengo for wastewater improvements and Chrisney for water improvements to submit to OCRA. Jenny is also performing labor standards for several projects.
- Cheri Taylor is updating the CEDS annual report. Cheri is also working with the Town of Grandview to update their Five-Year Park and Recreation Master Plan. Cheri is administering an IDNR LWCF project on behalf of the City of Huntingburg for the development of the Northside Park. She is also working on the 2021 Year-End Budget report for the April Board meeting. She also administers the Crawford County RLF.
- Lindsey Hoffman has recently codified ordinances for Ferdinand and Richland. She is currently updating Dale's codebook. She is also developing an application on behalf of Crawford County Community School Corporation to submit to IDHS under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for funding to construct a safe room at the Crawford County High School. Lindsey submitted a FEMA/BRIC application on behalf of Springs Valley School Corporation that is similar to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in November 2021.
- Leah Hawkins is working with the Perry County Port Authority to develop an application for USDOT-RAISE funds to increase the weight capacity of their rail. Leah has also been coordinating focus group and task force meetings for the Regional Recovery & Resiliency Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- The first Executive Director succession planning meeting was held prior to the Executive Board meeting at 5:30.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

Resolutions for Approval

None presented

Contracts for Approval

- Jasper Stormwater SRF labor standards; sum of \$5,000
 - Dale codification update; sum of \$1,200
- Michael Johannes made a motion to lump both contracts together, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried. Mary Ann Cummings made a motion to approve both contracts, seconded by Michael Johannes and motion carried.

Other

None presented

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 Bill Byrd, seconded by Michael Johannes and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The Executive Board will meet next on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Johannes, Secretary
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