ENERGIZE-ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT

Board Meeting – 1st Quarter / 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.
Ivy Tech Community College – Marion Campus

Minutes:

Members Present: Rob Cleveland, Bill Hess, Missy Shrock, Tom Armstrong, Mayor Kathy Bantz, Donald Dunnuck, Mike Jones, Doug Marshall, Pete Olson, Russell Love, Tim Smith, Mike Burton, Tresa Baker, Darren Reese, Melba Root, Bruce Long, Marvin Surber, Michael Leonhard, Ralph Frazee, Doug Stanley, Harry Pearson and Tyler Stanley as Proxy for Lisa Crandall.

Staff Present: Marlene Pulley, Brad Bookout, Roy Budd, Pam Price

Agenda Items:

1. Roy Budd called the meeting to order.

2. Pam Price called the roll. (Note: members present above) Attendance met quorum requirements.

3. Brad Bookout presented slate of officers with one change: Doug Marshall has agreed to act as Secretary. Motion to accept made by Dunnuck, seconded by Jones. Motion Carried 22-0.

4. Brad Bookout Introduced Speaker Michael J. Hicks, PhD. Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and Associate Professor of Economics at Ball State University.

5. Presentation by Michael J. Hicks regarding regionalism.

6. Pam Price and Beth Grigsby presented an update of the USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Pam Price went through the process of reviewing qualifications from 11different firms, narrowed that field to five, interviewed them and Beth Grigsby's firm, ATC, was selected as the consultant. In the folders there is a form for you to submit if you know of a Brownfield site.

   Update on Properties:
   - Hartford City Shell Building – have completed a Phase I study, came back with no further action necessary. The site can be sold now.
   - Hartford Metal Products – waiting to get a decision back from the agent on participation.
   - Key Platstics and Oldcastle Precast – declined to participate
   - Old Delco battery site – Phase I is in process.

- Boots Street property, which is a hazardous and petroleum site – Phase I study is in and they recommend further investigation.
- Burris Site – the owner is considering a contract with Sesco to do private insurance paths.
- Madison Co. Basketball League – a Phase I study is in process.
- Anchor Glass Site – we are working with Old Miss Youth Sports and Anchor Glass to facilitate a transfer to Old Miss Youth Sports, and get the Phase I and Phase II studies completed under the grant.
- Clevenger Car Clinic – requested approval from the state because it is a petroleum site
- Clark Store - requested approval from the state because it is a petroleum site.

Beth Grigsby gave overview of USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grants and the Phase I, Phase II studies.

7. Approval of Minutes from May, August and November 2011.
   Motion to accept made by Bill Hess seconded by Rob Cleveland. Motion carried 22-0.

8. Treasurers report through February 17, 2012
   Discussion of printed treasurer's report.
   Motion to accept made by Darren Reese seconded by Ralph Frazee. Motion carried 22-0.

9. Executive Committee Members
   - The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer automatically serve on this committee.
   - Need one additional person from Blackford County. Rob Cleveland volunteered.
   - Need two additional people from Delaware County. Pete Olson and Mike Jones volunteered.
   - Need two additional people from Grant County. Darren Reese and Melba Root volunteered.
   - Need one person from Jay County. Doug Stanley volunteered.
   - Executive Committee meetings are held one hour prior to regular meetings.

10. 2011 CEDS Update Status Report given by Pam Price. There have been some staffing changes. Tom Farris had been working on the report, Pam is now updating the report with current projects. Pam encouraged everyone to look around your community and decide what is on your wish list or your high priority list and fill out forms and send back in. Projects cannot get funding from the any federal agency unless it is in CEDS report.

11. Grant updates given by Brad Bookout.
    Brad gave a brief overview of different grants that he is aware of and is willing to give assistance with.

12. USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Resolution presented by Brad Bookout. First resolution of the year for the Regional Planning District is Resolution 2012-001. The purpose for this resolution is that the Regional Planning District received $609,000 from US EPA to do Brownfield assessment projects in the four-county area of Delaware, Grant, Blackford and Jay and the cities therein. The City of Muncie was excluded from that grant. Delaware County Commissioners currently have properties that are tax delinquent within the city limits of Muncie. Those properties have been tax delinquent for multiple years. The sites have environmental contamination and therefore are not selling at tax sales and are the responsibility of the Delaware County Commissioners. The Delaware County Commissioners would like to be able to use some portion of the US EPA funding to do assessment work on those properties that are within the city limits of Muncie. Since the City of Muncie was excluded from the grant, if those properties are turned into the US EPA they are going to deny action on them. The first step to getting the US EPA to approve inclusion of these sites is to have this body pass a resolution to allow for funds to be used at the Delaware County Commissioners discretion within the city limits of Muncie. After discussion, motion made to pass the resolution by Rob Cleveland, seconded by Bill Hess. Motion carried 22-0.

13. Conflict of Interest Statements presented by Pam Price. In folder there is a Conflict of Interest Statement along with a Conflict of Interest Policy. Please fill it out, sign it and return to Pam Price.

14. Other business – None

15. Roundtable Discussion – Concern of meetings not meeting quorum. Bill Hess asked if we need to re-word by-laws as to what constitutes a quorum? Roy Budd proposed that the executive board address this and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

16. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

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Doug Marshall, Secretary