

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 4th Quarter / 2017  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, at 2:30 P.M. - DELAWARE COUNTY  
Innovation Connector - 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie

Present: President Bill Hess, Marta Moody, James King, Ron Quakenbush (Proxy Jane Lasater,) Tanya Hiatt, Mike Burton, Mayor Randy Geesaman. Staff: Bill Walters, Brad Bookout. Guest: Colton Bickle

**1. Welcome / Introductions**

President Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of August 8, 2017 minutes**

Motioned by King. Seconded by Geesaman. Motion carried.

**4. Treasurers Report through September, 2017**

Mike Burton explained the expenses and totals to the board. The report was motioned to be approved by King. Moody then seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Board President Report**

President Hess went over the Albany roadshow and the positive outcome that came from it. President Hess also brought up the need to keep pursuing affiliate members for our organization and the role they could play in all are communities.

President Hess brought up a request from former member Nate Lamar of Henry County that would like to still attend our Washington DC trip. After a short discussion it was decided the Washington trip was for members only. Director will advise Mr. Lamar of the decision.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

8/10/17 – IARC monthly meeting

8/11/17 – Meeting with Madison County on I-69 Corridor i.e. Jerry Bridges, Rob Sparks, Greg Winkler

8/14/17 – RDA meeting in Henry County

8/14/17 – Albany meeting on New Industrial Park

8/15/17 – Internal Control Committee meeting for IARC

8/21/17 – Attended meeting with Italian company interested in Region.

8/23/17-8/24/17 – Attended Micro-paving training at Delaware County

8/24/17 – Attended meeting in Gaston on USDA Grant

8/28/17 – Meeting in Fairmount on old High School building

8/29/17 – Meetings with the City of Noblesville and the Hamilton County Commissioners on Joining the I-69 Corridor.  
9/1/17 – Closed on Daleville RFP  
9/5/17 – Assisted Gaston and Delaware County in the I-69/St. Rd. 28 TIF District creation.  
9/6/17 – Met with Herman Kittle on possible housing developments in both Daleville and Portland.  
9/7/17 – Held Grant County Road show in Marion  
9/11/17 – Attended RDA meeting in Henry County  
9/12/17 – Opened RFP on Gaston grain elevator. Awarded to Evan Jackson Racing Engines.  
9/18/17 – Presented to the Grant County Commissioners  
9/19/17 – Met with **Phoenix** Investment and Yorktown officials relating to next steps on the Marsh warehouse.  
9/20/17 – Attended the Shaffer Academy Leadership Challenge course.  
9/25/17 – Attended Gov. Holcomb’s IEDC update at BSU.  
10/3/17 – Met with representatives of AMA in Muncie and discussed possible DOD grant.  
10/5/17 – Accompanied Jessica Towers of IEDC on a community tour.  
10/9/17 – 10/12/17 – Attended AIM Summit in Evansville and IARC meeting.  
10/16/17 – Held first meeting with Heather Tucker, re interest in Daleville redevelopment.  
10/17/17 – Held meeting with Albany officials on redevelopment of restaurant.  
10/17/17 – Held Albany Road Show.  
10/18/17 – Attended Shaffer Academy on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective people.  
10/22/17 – 10/30/17 – Attended meetings in Italy for business development in Delaware County.  
11/3/17 – Follow up meeting with Heather Tucker and Building owner on possible build out of a location in Daleville.  
11/8/17 – Attended IARC Annual Conference.

## 7. New Business

### a. Heartland I-69 Corridor Committee / EDA Economic Impact Grant

Brad Bookout, Bill Walters and the Washington staff met with Pam Fisher of INDOT. Pam has agreed to put a member of INDOT on the steering committee. Bill Walter’s goal after the meeting is to go to the counties and meet with county commissioners to present the resolution and gain their participation. He will then get with each of the local municipality’s for representation on the committee.

### b. Albany EDA Road Project

Working with Washington staff to apply for 50% of funding for the road from State Rd. 67 to AquaBounty facility. Proposal has been sent to the EDA. Follow up conference call to come soon.

### c. Albany Visioning Session

Bill Walters, Brad Bookout and Bill Hess met with several members of the Albany community and held the first visioning session. Attendance was good with approximately 25 of the town's residents. An open discussion took place identifying their strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of the town.

**Conclusion:** It is recommended that the participants of the Town Visioning Session reconvene the participants for a second follow up meeting. All participants of the first meeting should invite other members of the community in an effort to build enthusiasm. At the next meeting, the group should consider electing a chair for the meeting to assist in keeping the meeting on task. The session should stay on task and identify teams or committees to work on each of the identified opportunities worthy of further consideration. The meeting should not last more than one and a half hours. At the meeting, subsequent follow up monthly meetings should be planned for each of the teams or committees to report their progress back to the group.

**d. Eaton RFP**

Eaton RFP has had an objection. Filed 10/27/17 -The attorney for the opposing party reached out to our attorney for a meeting. ECI's attorney will reach out for their concerns and intent and advise.

**e. Delaware County Ohio St. RFP**

Ohio Street - got the notification today. Attorney will be moving on with deed and quiet title. 2-3 weeks for closing.

**f. Lobbyist update on Portland**

No report. Lobbyist were in communication with Mayor Geesaman.

**g. Community Crossing Grant - Swayzee, Daleville, Selma**

Two of the three grants have been successful. Swayzee - \$75,000 Selma - \$225,000. Daleville - Denied because of money awarded last year

**h. Quarterly meeting dates for 2018**

February 20th, May 15th, August 7th, November 8th

**8. Old Business**

**a. CEDS Update**

Brad and Bill continue working on it. Brad wants to have paperwork done soon. If members of the board have projects that need to be included in the CED's Bookout requests that they email those to him.

**b. Gaston USDA Grant Update**

Submitted PER. It was kicked back with questions. Currently being reviewed for a response. 30-45 days before a final confirmation.

**9. Roundtable Discussion**

**10. Adjournment**