

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING - 4th Quarter / 2017
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, at 3:00 P.M. - DELAWARE COUNTY
Innovation Connector - 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie

Present: President Bill Hess, Marta Moody, James King, Ron Quakenbush (Proxy Jane Laster,) Kyle Johnson, Pete Olson, Tonya Hiatt, Randall Dunnuck, Chris Cook (Proxy Dave Markley,) Mike Burton, Don Wimmer, Richard Treon, Mayor Randy Geesaman, Susie Ripley, Michael Dickey. Staff: Bill Walters, Brad Bookout.

1. Welcome / Introductions

President Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

3. Guest Speaker

GIS Coordinator, Kyle Johnson, with Delaware County is the guest speaker.

4. Approval of August 8, 2017 minutes

Motioned by King. Seconded by Hiatt. Motion carried.

5. 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.

6. Board President Report

President Hess went over the Board President report. Three critical things happened in the last meeting. A visioning session was put together with the Town of Albany to determine their strengths and weaknesses when discussing and bringing in money. The key factor is to bring in money from outside of the city. The visioning session went very well resulting in about twenty to thirty people in attendance.

They were then advised to continue to talk with others in the community for more support. Schedule their next meeting and organize, officers and committee's to then begin to work on projects identified. ECI would help facilitate till the group could get up and running on their own.

7. 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.

8. New Business

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

Brad Bookout, Bill Walters and the Washington Staff met with Pam Fisher from 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 for approval to form the committee and identify representatives from each of the participating municipality’s.

b. Albany EDA Road Project

Working with Washington lobbyist; applying for 50% of funding for the road from state highway to AquaBounty. 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 a file objection. Filed 10/27/17 - reached out to attorney for meeting. Walters did not accept meeting due to the "same game" that he has been "playing" for three years. Walters reached out to Mathewson Law, PC (ECIRPD's attorney) to find out what he wants before meeting with him.

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

9. 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, please forward to him. Brad requests that they email those to him soon.

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.

10. Roundtable Discussion

Bookout thanked commissioner King for their continuing help and commitment with ECIRPD. Hess made sure to tell the board that during the Executive Board meeting, Colten Bickel was very impressed with the work of the board.

11. Adjournment