

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING - 1st QUARTER/ 2017  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, at 3:00 P.M. - DELAWARE COUNTY  
Innovation Connector - 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie

Present: President Bill Hess, Marta Moody, James King, Kyle Johnson, Pete Olson, Tonya Hiatt, Mike Foster, Mike Burton, Richard Treon, Nate Lamar, Kevin Knot, Darrin Jacobs, Jerry Walden, Ed Yanos, Commissioner Huffman, Mayor Randy Geesaman, Mayor Gene Ritter, Ralph Frazee, Ryan Robling, Kevin Knott (Proxy for Corey Murphy), Chris Matchett (Proxy for Ron Quakenbush,) Staff: Bill Walters, Brad Bookout. Guest: Veronica Watson

**1. Welcome / Introductions**

President Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**2. Guest Speaker**

Veronica Watson, Patronicity out of Massachusetts. Private/Public partnership. A new way for funding in the Community.

**3. Approval of November 15, 2016 minutes**

Mayor Randy Geesaman moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Treasurers Report through December 31, 2016**

Treasurer Mike Burton reviewed the Treasurer's Report. On Profit & Loss report, Mike stated a deficit of \$31,391.01, but Bill Walters said they started off the year behind; when Walters took over, they had \$358.00. Walters spoke with Delaware County Commissioner about the \$35,000 that ECI is currently paying a month and a half worth of bills with. Currently left is \$23,637.00. Geesaman moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Board President Report**

Bill Hess spoke about being in front of our funders more often - showing them what their funds are being used for.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Bill Walters reported the following:

- a. Had meeting with Delaware County Commissioners James King and Shannon Henry.-Jan 2
- b. Held Meeting with Ryan Robling to review CEDS and current status. – Jan 3
- c. Meet with Gary Townsend on a project to create a reserve in the Selma area. – Jan 6
- d. Meet with Governor Holcomb and attended the inauguration. – Jan 8-9

- e. Held meeting with Rob Sparks of Madison County on I69 corridor venture. Jan – 10
- f. Attended first IARC meeting. – Jan 12
- g. Met with Mayor Geesaman and David Terrell from BSU on CRI. – Jan 17
- h. Met with an Intern, Zach Dishman to work on website and new design. – Jan 17
- i. Met with Mike Bush and Tonya Hiatt over demolition of old community center in Gaston and possible means to fund a new community center.
- j. Met and spoke at the Grant County commissioners meeting. – Jan 23
- k. Met with Mayor York and Cory Murphy on New Castle. – Jan 25
- l. Met and spoke with the Henry County council. – Jan 25
- m. Met and spoke with members of the Delaware County council. – Jan 24
- n. Met with Pam Price and completed the 100R for the state and started the AFR. – Jan 25 & 27
- o. Met with Ryan Robling and reviewed CEDS and current status. – Feb 1
- p. Met with Pam Price and started reimbursement for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of EDA grant. – Feb 6
- q. Meet with Jorge Ortiz of Joe Donnell's office. – Feb 8
- r. Attended EDA update meeting with IARC staff and members from the Chicago EDA. – Feb 9
- s. Working with Brad on a affiliate membership program. –Feb 10

Coming up:

- a. Walters will be speaking at the AIM meeting in Hagerstown on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> on CCMG funds and process.
- b. Meeting with the Community Foundation on Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Walters I will be speaking at the Jay County Commissioners meeting on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Walters will be attending a meeting at Pathstone on Meth & Housing Coalition.
- e. Walters I will attend the IARC legislative meeting on Mar 9<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Brad and Walters will be doing a presentation at the Portland Rotary club on Mar 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Recommendations from the Executive Committee

### a. Executive Director Position

The committee was supposed to approve a budget for the 2017 year - but was not completed. Walters put together a budget and presented it to the full board. Budget was approved by Executive Board.

With the funding out there, there is an opportunity to raise \$181,000.00.

Expenses were \$131,000 last year, Walters has cut those expenses to \$124,000 with hope of cutting it more. Motion carried unanimously.

Tonya will be moving up to the Executive Board and Marta will take Bill Walters place as the Vice President on the Executive Board.

## **8. Grants Report**

### **a. EPA Assessment Grant**

Brad explains a pending EPA grant in Delaware County and in the city of Winchester.

### **b. Washington Fly - In**

With new faces, Bookout invites everyone (who has not been invited) to join them on the fly-in.

## **9. CEDS Update**

Ryan Robling (an intern/Masters student from the Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning), spoke about projects he wrapped up and about a survey he created to send out. Bookout sends around a paper for everyone to write their projects down. These projects must be approved for the CEDS funding to undergo construction.

### **a. Property Transfers and RFP**

Bookout explains how property transfers work. Would like to expand the program to other counties.

## **10. Roundtable Discussion**

- None

## **11. Adjournment**