

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING - 2nd Quarter / 2017
TUESDAY, MAY 16, at 3:00 P.M. - DELAWARE COUNTY
Innovation Connector - 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie

Present: President Bill Hess(Proxy for James King,) Marta Moody(Proxy for Pete Olson), Randall Dunnuck, Mayor Randy Geesaman, Ron Quakenbush, Tonya Hiatt, Mike Foster, Mike Burton(Proxy for Don Wimmer), Staff: Bill Walters, Brad Bookout. Guest: Michael Popa from Hoosier Environmental Council

1. Welcome / Introductions

President Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Guest Speaker

Michael Popa with Hoosier Environmental Council

3. Approval of February 14th, 2017 minutes

President Hess briefly reviewed the minutes from the February 14th minutes. Geesaman Motioned, Burton Seconded. Quakenbush abstained.

4. Treasurers Report through April, 2017

Mike Burton explained the expenses and totals to the board. Quakenbush motioned, Mike Foster seconded. Approved.

5. Board President Report

President Hess asked Director Walters to go over the 2017 budget which was then motioned by Mike Foster and seconded by Tonya Hiatt. Motion approved.

After brief discussion of the Resolution 2017-001, Marta Moody Motioned to approve. Geesaman seconded. Motion approved.

6. Executive Director's Report

Bill Walters reported the following:

- a. Feb 15th meeting with Mayor Byrum of Winchester
- b. Held meeting with Nate Lamar and Corey Murphy
- c. Spoke at AIM meeting in Hagerstown on behalf of IARC and the Community Crossing Grant
- d. Feb 16th - meet with Ted Baker on the RDA grant and direction he thought we should be moving in

- e. Meet with Tracy Dishman on website updates. Doing pro-bono to promote her business.
- f. Meet with Anita Amspaugh from Mid-Western Engineering. Wants to offer services to members.
- g. Feb 17th - meet with Kallie Sulanke of the Community Foundation
- h. Feb 21st - Attend the Delaware County Commissioner's meeting to obtain the Eaton property tax certificate
- i. Meet with Mayor Randy Geesaman of Portland on the Ball State CRI program and introduced him to David Terrell and Candy.
- j. Meet again with Hope Redemption Center. Project addiction recovery.
- k. Feb 27th - Meet with First Merchants and finished up on the 10k line of credit
- l. March 2nd - Attended MCCOG meeting in Anderson.
- m. March 6th - Presented at the Jay County Commissioner's Meeting with Mayor Geesaman
- n. Had Brad Bookout attend Delaware County Commissioner's meeting to obtain the Muncie Ohio St tax certificate
- o. Had a meeting with SME Beth Grisby on EPA grants for both Grant and Blackford County
- p. March 7th & 8th - Attended Purdue Road School
- q. March 9th - Attended IARC meeting at Harry & Issy's on legislative briefing
- r. Conference Call with Merchant McIntrye. Washington Fly - In agenda
- s. March 15th - Presented at the Portland rotary meeting with Mayor Geesaman
- t. March 21st - Meet with Mindy Kenworthy of ECIRP and how we could work together to help each other.
- u. Attended AIM legislate briefing in Indianapolis.
- v. March 27th - Meet with Rob Robling and obtained all the CEDS work and released him from the task
- w. March 29th - Meet with Ovidio of Italy's GNK at their Speedway office.
- x. Attended the Elected Officials dinner in Grant County
- y. March 30th - Held meeting with Jerry Bridges of Madison County MPO on possible membership to our group
- z. April 5th - Had meeting with EDA in Chicago
- aa. April 6th - Conference call with Merchant McIntrye on DC trip
- bb. Met with Michael Popa, the Mounds greenway coordinator, on current status of project
- cc. April 13th - Attended IARC meeting in Indianapolis
- dd. April 17th - Meet with Wayne Bailey from Commonwealth Engineering on possibly joining ECIRPD and doing work for the rural areas
- ee. April 19th - Meet with Senator Jean Liesing at the statehouse
- ff. April 24th - Meet with Swayzee Town Board on doing an income survey
- gg. April 26th - Drove down and met with Jeff Plaster of the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- hh. Meet with Michael Hicks and David Terrell on I-69 corridor

- ii. May 1st - Webinar on Rural Indiana Stats from Purdue University
- jj. May 2nd - Opened RFP's for Ohio St property and Eaton Property
- kk. May 5th - Attended I-69 summit in Indianapolis
- ll. May 9th - Meet with Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt
- mm. May 11th - Conference call with Merchant McIntyre
- nn. May 15th - Meet with Blackford County Commissioners - Introduction

Executive Report was approved.

7. New Business

a. Jay & Henry County Departure

Walters did not receive a letter from Jay, but did get a call from Commissioner Inman saying that they [Jay County] will not be paying their dues and will be handling their stuff in house. Henry County sent a letter that said (also to Gov. Holcomb) they will withdraw from ECIRPD effective March 31st, 2017. The letter was approved and signed at the March 15th 2017 Board of Commissioner's Public Works meeting. Walters said that Murphy wanted the grant pulled. Walters received a 2nd letter from Mayor of Muncie stating that the city of Muncie will no longer participate in any further projects.

b. EDA Meeting and Suggestions

Bill and Brad reviewed there meeting with EDA and Janet Tamayo and will continue discussions with surrounding counties.

c. Swayzee Income Study

Walters will be going back next Monday (May 22nd)

d. Blackford Co. Commissioner's Meeting

Still waiting on response.

e. Portland Non-Profit Introduction

Waiting on feedback about the Senior Housing Development that was discussed with Winchester, and Daleville.

8. Old Business

a. RFP Updates

Passed resolution with three RFP's still open currently.

b. CEDS Update

Meet with Rob Robling. Brad and Bill to take over.

c. Washington Fly-In Update

Everything is set. Hotel is booked, flights are secured. Walters waiting for complete schedule.

d. Washington Lobbyist Update

Will be here in 2 weeks. They know ECIRPD's budget and where to focus interest.

9. Roundtable Discussion

a. A comment was made that a board member received a call from Matt Crouch who would like a named board member to host/speak at the OCRA Listening Session.

b. Community Crossing Grant has money [\$7,525] to be spent on asset managers to get an asset plan set. This should be used for ECIPRD.

10. Adjournment