

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - 2nd Quarter / 2018
TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, at 3:00 P.M. DELAWARE COUNTY
Innovation Connector - 1208 W. White River Blvd. Muncie, IN. 47303

Present: Marta Moody, Mike Burton, Tanya Hiatt, Shane Middlesworth, Mayor Randy Geesaman, Ron Quakenbush, Bryce Conyers, Don Wimmer, Jorge Ortiz, Kevin Sulc, Melissa Acton, Wayne Bailey, Mike Row

1. Welcome / Introductions

Vice President Moody called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call: Bookout completed the roll call with members present noted above.

3. Guest Speaker: Bookout introduced Mike Row from the Alliance for Strategic Growth Workforce Development Board

4. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2018: Geesaman motioned to approve. Middlesworth seconded. Motion carried.

5. Treasurers Report through December 2017: Burton gave the Treasurer's Report by reviewing the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss. Quakenbush motioned to accept the report. Hiatt seconded. Motion carried.

6. Board President Report: Bookout shared that Mr. Walters had something unexpected come up and he was covering for him. Bookout shared a list of various projects provided by Mr. Walters.

7. Executive Director Report: Moody shared that Mr. Hess was in the hospital. Moody asked that everyone please sign the card.

8. New Business

a. DC Fly-In dates: Bookout shared that the date had changed to June 18-20th. Those committed so far for the trip are Mayor Geesaman, Mayor Byrum, Mayor Bantz, Commissioners Henry and King, Beth Grigsby, Tanya Hiatt, Bill Walters and Brad Bookout.

b. Grant & Delaware Counties EDA application submitted by Merchant-McIntyre. Bookout shared that the I-69 Economic Impact Study for \$150,000 was submitted to the EDA. The exact amount was somewhat less due to the in-kind, however he did not have the exact amounts in front of him.

c. Community Crossing Grants for 2018: Bookout shared that ECI would likely be assisting with Community Crossing Grants in Selma, Gaston, Daleville, Swayzee. We would like to pickup more communities in Grant County to assist. The deadline is believed to be August 6th.

d. Sweetser Street Light Grant Application done. Bookout said that he had completed the Sweetser Street Light Application and he hoped to get that submitted soon. The town however has asked to hold off and possibly submit in the spring of 2019.

e. Small Business incubators in Portland and Winchester. Bookout shared that Merchant-McIntyre had assisted in the application of USDA RBDG funds to assist with rural business development services. The services would be provided by the Innovation Connector staff. The grant is pending.

9. Old Business:

- A. Albany EDA Road Project: Bookout reported that the project is still ongoing, but the town and county were waiting on further developments with the company before a full application would be submitted.
 - B. Six RFP's to go out June 4th: Bookout explained that ECI was in receipt of six tax certificates from Delaware County. RFP's had been completed for all six and would be advertised and distributed June 4th. The sites are two in Gaston, the former Maple Motel, two gas station sites and an undeveloped apartment site. Moody commented on the success of the program.
 - C. By-laws revisions: Moody shared that Henry County had been removed as referenced in the by-laws. Geesaman motioned to approve the changes. Middlesworth seconded. Motion carried.
 - D. Appointment documents returned: Moody shared that all member municipalities needed to return their appointment docs if they haven't already. Moody stated that Bill Walters would be in touch.
- 9. Roundtable Discussion:** Quakenbush asked why Henry County was out. Moody replied that it was by their choice. Acton, Sulc and Ortiz gave brief updates on activities undertaken at their respective offices at the federal level.
- 10. Adjournment:** Quakenbush motioned to adjourn. Hiatt seconded. Motion carried.

Signed