

ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter / 2016  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, at 2:00 P.M. DELAWARE COUNTY  
Innovation Connector - 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie

Present: Bill Hess, James King, Bill Walters, Mike Burton, Shane Middlesworth, Ralph Frazee, Mayor Randy Geesaman (proxy for Tanya Hiatt). Staff present: Brad Bookout and Pam Price.

**1. Welcome / Introductions**

Board President Bill Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**2. Approval of August 9, 2016 minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and Mayor Randy Geesaman moved approval, James King seconded. The minutes were approved. (Shane Middlesworth abstained)

**3. Treasurers Report through October, 2016**

Treasurer Mike Burton reviewed the Treasurer's Report. On Profit & Loss report, Mike stated a deficit of \$8,028.38, but Pam Price reported that EDA Planning Grant was approved and can be submitted for reimbursement in January of 2017. Ralph Frazee moved to accept the treasurers report, Bill Walters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Board President Report**

Bill Hess indicated the importance of working with elected officials both on state and national levels is important to this organization.

Executive Director recommendation was discussed. Pam received 14 resumes for the position and narrowing it to two (2) applicants. After interviews, Bill Walters is desired candidate. Discussion on possible conflicts were reviewed. Brad Bookout made contact with Board of Accounts to get some concerns answered. Conflict of Interest was also reviewed. After discussion it will be recommendation of the Executive Committee that Bill Walters be offered the Executive Director position to the Board. Offer will be made with starting salary of \$42,500 annually with evaluation in 6 months. Time records will be maintained and submitted bi-weekly with payroll and signed off by board member. \$100 per month cell phone stipend, Retirement Contribution to match up to 3% will be offered. If accepted by Bill Walters, he will resign his appointment to this board for the Town of Daleville. Motion was made by Mayor Randy Geesaman and seconded by James King. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Executive Director Report

Pam Price reported the following:

- a. Due to scheduling conflict with meeting room the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting needs moved to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- b. Brad Bookout and I met with Henry County representative Nate Lamar and Ed Yanos, regarding lobbying efforts and at this time they cannot fund this year, but they did pay their dues.

### Executive Director Report (continued)

- c. Brad and I met with Beth Grisgby regarding strategies for EPA grant assessment applications. Jay County is currently having challenges. Working with Delaware County and Grant County, Beth feels we would have a better opportunity if we breakout counties requesting new funding rather than lump all counties with previous funding requests.
- d. Property transfer completed from Town of Daleville to Real America (Salem Place Apartments). ECIRPD earned \$500 for handling this transaction.
- e. Brad, Bill Hess and I attended the Henry County Elected officials' dinner to familiarize them with the efforts of our organization. Brad did a "Wants and Needs" presentation.
- f. Met with Mayor Gregg York regarding lobbying but Corey Murphy stated the county may not be able to fund this year.
- g. Presented to Winchester Town Board and they are on board with lobbying.
- h. Brad and I attended BSU Roundtable.
- i. I attended "Meet and Greet" with Eric Holcomb and John Gregg.
- j. Met with Jay County regarding installation of elevator at Jay County Senior Center and lobbying efforts.
- k. EPA Grant for Mad Jack's building (corner of Madison & Jackson) Maker spaces and artist spaces.
- l. Ad placed for Executive Director Position and resumes are being accepted.
- m. Attended IARC Annual Conference last week. Fair Housing/Drug Free Work Place ordinances must be in place to apply for grant.
- n. IACT Medical Trust, where communities pool their resources to buy medical insurance.
- o. Presentation by Midwest Engineering regarding relining wastewater and drinking water pipes without tearing everything up.
- p. Brad met with Mr. Husky, new Chancellor of Ivy Tech for East Central Indiana. Ivy Tech is interested in partnering with municipalities in our area. Goal is to raise \$90K, but currently at \$55K with possibility of Keller & McIntire getting involved.
- q. The Regional Cities continues to meet. Not much is happening, but at least it facilitates communication among the participants.
- r. Bill Walters and I have completed our CDBG grant administrator's certification.

## 6. New Business

None

## 7. Old Business

None

**8. Roundtable Discussion**

None

**9. Adjournment**