

**ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 4th Quarter / 2018**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, at 2:30 P.M. DELAWARE COUNTY**  
**Innovation Connector – 1208 W. White River Blvd. Muncie, IN. 47303**  
**(Meeting location was changed day of to Whiting & Co. Offices)**

Present: Bill Hess, Mike Burton, Tanya Hiatt, Mayor Randy Geesaman, Bill Walters, Mayor Kathy Bantz, James King, Shane Middlesworth, Scott Alexander, John Oxley, Nick Rhodes, Angie Moyer, Brad Bookout

1. **Welcome/Introductions:** Bill Hess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. **Roll Call:** Walters completed the roll call with those present noted above.
3. **Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2018:** King motioned to approve the minutes. Burton seconded. Motion carried with Middlesworth abstaining.
4. **Treasurers Report through October 2018:** Burton gave the Treasurer's Report by reviewing the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss. King motioned to accept the report. Geesaman seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Board President Report:** Hess welcomed two Commissioners from Blackford County.
6. **Executive Director Report:** Bill Walters shared a list of projects, meetings and highlights of his work. Walters noted two visioning sessions having been completed in Blackford County. Walters introduced Angie Moyer who is now assisting him. Walters noted that he is working on three EPA grants in cooperation with Beth Grigsby from SME.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Election of Officers: King motioned for Hess to remain President for 2019, Moody to be Vice President, Middlesworth Treasurer and King Secretary. Hiatt seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Blackford County, Montpelier, Hartford City: Walters noted the two visioning sessions being completed.
  - c. Website Update: Walters reported that Farmhouse Creative is in process of updating the website.
  - d. EPA Brownfield Grants: Walters reported that the intent was to apply for a \$450k grant for Grant County, \$300k for Portland and a \$50k TBA grant for Montpelier.
  - e. 2019 Budget: Walters asked Bookout to briefly review the 2019 budget. Bookout noted the draft budget included with the agendas.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. USDA BEST Grant Update: Bookout reported that ECI had been notified that they were awarded funds to expand business innovation and startup services from the Innovation Connector to some of the rural areas. Information will be forthcoming regarding meetings with Mayor's in Portland, Montpelier and Winchester.
  - b. Grant & Delaware Counties EDA I-69 Grant Update: Walters reported that he believed the grant would be approved and he looked forward to getting started on the program.
  - c. Community Crossing Grant: Walters noted that the Town of Daleville had received \$200k. Another round is likely next year for those interested.
  - d. RFP Update: Bookout reported that seven responses had been returned for all of the issued RFP's. Bookout noted the success of the program and getting properties back on the tax rolls was a positive thing.
  - e. Appointment Documents: Walters said that annual appointment documents would be going out soon and he encouraged all members to get them returned as quickly as possible.
  - f. SBOA Update: Walters reported that he is in process with the annual audit and has provided all requested info to the examiner. Some info from the previous director during the time of her fire was not available.
9. **Roundtable Discussion:** Motion was requested to approve the CEDS plan as previously presented. Motion from King. Second from Geesaman. Motion carried.
10. **Adjournment:** Hess adjourned the meeting.

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