

RDA Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 & Zoom

In Attendance: Jeff Turner, Andrew Briggs, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Craig Snow

Staff in Attendance: Michael Galbraith, Erin Whittle, Andy Boxberger, Vanessa Hurtig, Ryan Twiss

Call to order

Gene Donaghy called the meeting to order at **2:02pm**.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the minutes, Craig Snow seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call of all present virtually.**

Claims

Claims were provided electronically ahead of the meeting. Two invoices from Carson Boxberger were the claims. **Andrew Briggs moved approve the claims, Craig Snow seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call of all present virtually.**

Projects-Pending

Michael Galbraith provided an overview of the Road to One Million Projects. There were no disbursement requests.

- Great Lakes Capital – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- University of Saint Francis – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Trine University – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Embassy Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- DeKalb County YMCA – Complete and funding fully disbursed
- Little River Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Manchester Early Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- North Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project – Under construction and has partial funding disbursement. There will be a per-unit funding disbursement as the units are completed. **There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the mixed use development component on Center Lake on May 21.**
- Regional Trails in Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- South Adams Trails – Project under construction and funding in escrow with INDOT. Still drawing down from the escrow account.
- Enterprise Center Phase I – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- UB Block – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Posterity Scholar House – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Michiana Event Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Landing Redevelopment – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Clyde Theater Renovation – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Riverfront Park Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Eagles Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Wabash River Trail – Funds have been partially disbursed, project under construction. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 is underway.

- Fahl Aquatics Facility – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail – Complete and funds almost fully disbursed. Phase 1 and 2 are complete and are ~\$10,300 under disbursed budget.
- Fishing Line Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Grow Wells County – Partially complete and funds partially disbursed. 5 of 6 scheduled disbursements complete.
- CASS Housing – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Community Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Enterprise Center, Phase II – Construction complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Hanna Nuttman Fields – Complete and funding fully disbursed.

Financials

Erin Whittle, contract CFO, presented the financials. The audit has been submitted to the state. Gene Donaghy called for a motion to accept the financials. **Craig Snow made the motion to accept the financials, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call of all present.**

Other Business

Michael Galbraith reported that he talked with the IEDC about opportunities to use the remaining \$195,000 of funds in the RDA. The IEDC is discussing whether to allow the RDA to use this funding for the creation of a strategic plan for the State's READI grant program, which would position Northeast Indiana to be eligible for up to \$50 million, if the RDA should choose to pursue that. The funds need to be committed by June 30, 2021.

Michael also provided a brief overview of the newly created Northeast Indiana Strategic Development Commission, HEA 1238.

The READI grant program will focus on applicants that include the following four components: Quality of Place, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Talent. The program outcomes will be focused on increasing population, education attainment and wages.

Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. is currently working with TIP, a research and planning group, on their strategic development plan for Allen County. As part of this work, they already have compiled much of the regional research that would need to be completed for the READI plan. Michael Galbraith will investigate whether or not TIP would be qualified to create a plan that the RDA could submit to the READI program.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Gene Donaghy called for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Turner made the motion to adjourn, Craig Snow seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call of all present virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.