

Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)
Meeting Minutes
4/11/17

The meeting was held at 2:00PM at the Honeywell Center located at 275 West Market Street, Wabash, IN.

Attendance

Brad Bishop, Andrew Briggs, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner

Staff

Michael Galbraith, Jaclyn Goldsborough, Amy Hesting

Call to Order and Introductions

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall welcomed everyone to the Northeast Indiana RDA Development Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2017 board meeting. **Jeff Turner motioned, Andrew Briggs seconded and the March 4, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.**

Claims

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall requested a motion to approve the invoices for Carson Boxberger and Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership expenses. **Jeff Turner motioned, Gene Donaghy seconded and the claims were unanimously approved.**

Road to One Million Projects—Pending

Mike Galbraith

South Adams Trails— Michael Galbraith submitted a sub-recipient agreement to the board for review and a vote. **Jeff Turner motioned to approve and sign the sub-recipient agreement, Brad Bishop seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

The RDA is short approximately \$150,000 of fully funding each of the following seven projects. Each project would be able to be funded by the RDA if their asks were reduced by 2%. **Andrew Briggs motioned for a 2% reduction on all of the seven remaining projects. Gene Donaghy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Riverfront Park Fort Wayne, Phase 1—RDA request amount was originally \$5.276 million. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$5,170,480. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Eagles Theatre Project—RDA request amount was originally \$996,567. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$976,635.66. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Gene Donaghy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Russel and Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Facility (Columbia City)—RDA request amount was originally \$861,305. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$844,078.90. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Brad Bishop seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail (City of Ligonier)—RDA request amount was originally \$254,000. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$248,920. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Fishing Line Trail—RDA request amount was originally \$175,000. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$171,500. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Gene Donaghy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center—RDA request amount was originally \$400,000. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$392,000. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount, Brad Bishop seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Wabash River Trail—Bob Sklar of the Wabash Wildlife Club and Sportsman’s Association voiced objections to the project and submitted four petitions that included approximately 145 signatures opposing the project. Richard Church, an attorney in Wabash voiced his and his family’s support of the project. Bob Marshall reminded the audience that in March, the RDA signed a resolution not to use eminent domain in Wabash. He also reminded the audience that the Road to One Million is about growing the region’s population and each county needs to ask themselves if they are currently gaining or losing people. The RDA wants Wabash County to be a thriving community and people on both sides of this issue need to come together to find a compromise that enables everyone to be comfortable with the end result. The RDA does not want Wabash County to lose the opportunity to make use of these funds and Mr. Marshall suggested that the money be held for a finite amount of time with the opposing parties come to a solution. He asked that Michael Galbraith work with the project sponsor on an appropriate time frame in which the solution could be reached.

RDA request amount for the Wabash River Trail was originally \$960,236. A 2% reduction puts the ask at \$941,031.28. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the reduced amount contingent upon two public information sessions held to gauge and gain public support and the route secured. Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

RCI Fund Deposits

Michael Galbraith

No action needed.

2017 NEI RDA Operating Budget

Michael Galbraith

Michael Galbraith presented the 2017 RDA Operating Budget and asked that it be approved and adopted. **Jeff Turner motioned that the 2017 NEI RDA Operating Budget be approved and adopted. Gene Donaghy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

New Business

Bob Marshall

No new business

Adjournment

Bob Marshall

With no further business to discuss, Bob Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Jeff Turner motioned, Andrew Briggs seconded and the meeting was adjourned.**

Submitted: Brad Bishop, Secretary