

RDA Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

200 East Main Street, Suite 910

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

In Attendance: Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner

Staff in Attendance: Michael Galbraith, Vanessa Hurtig, Erin Whittle

Call to order

Gene Donaghy called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. **Jeff Turner motioned, Bob Marshall seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Claims

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the claims presented. **Bob Marshall motioned to approve the claims, Jeff seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Fishing Line Trail

It was proposed that the Noble County Economic Development Corporation be added as a third party to the sub-recipient agreement. **Jeff Turner made a motion to amend and restate the sub-recipient agreement. Bob Marshall seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.** This trail will connect Rome City to Kendallville with the trail head ending at the Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center. Noble County hopes to continue the trail to Avilla, Albion and other towns in the future. **Bob Marshall made a motion to disburse the Regional Development Authority funds to Noble Trails Inc. for the Fishing Line Trail. Jeff Turner seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Other Business

RCI Fund Deposits

Balance sheet & P&L for July and August 2018 was sent to the board in advance of the meeting. Erin Whittle briefly reviewed the statements. Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to accept the RCI Fund Deposits. **Bob Marshall motioned, Jeff Turner seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

2018 NEI RDA Operating Budget

Mike Galbraith provided a status update. The budget continues to track according to plan.

Regional Housing

Ryan Chasey with High Performance Government Network was present to discuss the recent Regional Housing Study. Michael Galbraith recommended, based on advice received, to not pursue a Regional Community Housing Development Organization, but rather to consider forming a Participating Jurisdiction Consortium. Michael asked the Board to consider pursuing further information about this as a tool to address the housing shortage. This tool would allow the region to access federal HUD resources. This would give the region leeway to create programs that would be beneficial to the region but also federally compliant. A discussion took place regarding the possibility. **Jeff Turner moved to pursue the information gathering process as defined. Bob Marshall seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Officers

One of the requirements for applying for federal funds is having a DUNS number. Michael Galbraith recommended pursuing a DUNS number, but noted that would create the need for a SAMS number in the future. As a preliminary step, a resolution has been drafted to authorize Michael to register the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority

within the federal system. **Bob Marshall made a motion to adopt Resolution Number [redacted] and assigned Gene Donaghy to work with Michael Galbraith through the process. Jeff Turner seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Gene Donaghy adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.