

Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)
Meeting Minutes
8/25/2015

The meeting was held at 3:00PM at Manchester University College of Pharmacy, Room 148 10627 Diebold Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Attendance

Brad Bishop, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner

Call to Order and Introductions

Jeff Turner

Jeff Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Northeast Indiana RDA and called for introductions.

Minutes

Jeff Turner

Jeff Turner asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the July meeting. **Gene Donaghy motioned, Bob Marshall seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.**

Road to One Million Plan

Ellen Cutter, John Sampson, John Urbahns

Ellen Cutter (IPFW CRI), John Sampson (Regional Partnership) and John Urbahns (Greater Fort Wayne Inc.) provided an overview of the Road to One Million Plan for the purpose of gaining RDA Board approval of the plan to submit to the IEDC's Regional Cities Initiative. Compelling ROI data was presented making the case for the need to triple the region's population growth rate to 2.1% (currently 0.7%) in order to reach a population goal of one million people by the year 2031. If the region continues at its current pace of 0.7%, that goal will not be reached until 2067. If the growth is accelerated, significant growth occurs in younger population demographics, GDP and wages that do not occur on the current trajectory. The regional development plan includes \$1.4 billion of projects across all 11 counties of the RDA. Following discussion, **Bob Marshall made the motion to approve the Road to One Million plan for submission to the IEDC's Regional Cities Initiative. Brad Bishop seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Other Business

RFP for Legal Services – Alan Tio presented a draft RFP for legal services to the RDA board for comment and action. The board will consider law firms with a regional scope that have experience in government law, specifically executing interlocal agreements. **Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the RFP. Brad Bishop seconded the motion. Upon discussion, the motion was amended to stipulate that the RFP would be distributed as broadly as possible, including all the county bar associations, and the deadline would be extended until September 30th. The motion was unanimously approved.**

State Board of Accounts – It was agreed that a meeting with the State Board of Accounts would be helpful since the RDA is subject to audits by that organization. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the systems, checks and balances that the State Board of Accounts recommends the board put in place. Jeff Turner and Bob Marshall volunteered to go to Indianapolis for the meeting and will report back to the RDA board at the next meeting.

Insurance Policies – The state statute requires that the RDA take out a Directors and Officers policy and Fidelity Bond for the board members. Alan Tio will gather more information and report back at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Jeff Turner

With no further business to discuss, Brad Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gene Donaghy seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52PM.