

Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)
Meeting Minutes
11/15/16

The meeting was held at 2:00PM at the Geneva Town Hall, 411 East Line Street, Geneva, IN 46740.

Attendance

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

Staff

- Michael Galbraith, Jaclyn Goldsborough and Stephanie Waikel

Call to Order and Introductions

Jeff Turner

- Jeff Turner welcomed everyone to the Northeast Indiana RDA Development Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Jeff Turner

- Jeff Turner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2016 board meeting. **Brad Bishop motioned, Andrew Briggs seconded and the October 18, 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.**

Claims

Jeff Turner

- A claim for the services of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership was submitted to the board for approval. **Gene Donaghy put forth a motion to approve the claim as submitted, Andrew Briggs seconded and the claim was unanimously approved.**

Road to One Million Projects – Pending

Jeff Turner

- **North Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project**
Application received and heard. RDA will be discussing this project in Executive Session.
- **Regional Trails - Fort Wayne**
- Application received and heard. Jeff Turner asked for a motion to approve the application for the Regional Trails - Fort Wayne. **Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the project, Andrew Briggs seconded and the Regional Trails – Fort Wayne application was unanimously approved.**

Road to One Million Presentations:

- **Twin Bridges – To Unite: North, South, East and West** Randy Lehman, Larry Macklin & Trevor Hobbs
The South Adams Trails project will reconstruct two historic 1897/98 Pratt Truss iron rail bridges to link area trails to the north, south, east and west of Geneva. The Total cost: \$ 3,109,400. Requesting from RDA: \$498,000 (16.02%). **Jeff Turner made a motion to take the project under advisement, Andrew Briggs seconded and the South Adams Trails project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**
- **The Enterprise Center** Isaac Lee, Mayor Hickman & Danny Zent
A 70,000-square foot industrial training facility with co-working space in Steuben County. The building will also house the Steuben County EDC and other organizations. Total cost: \$1,899,570. Requesting from RDA: \$323,000 (17%). **Brad Bishop made a motion to take the project under advisement, Jeff Turner seconded and the Enterprise Center project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

- **UB Block**

Jon Anderson, Mayor Feters, John Niederman

The plan calls for the rehabilitation of a downtown building in downtown Huntington that was going to be demolished. The plan includes market rate apartments; Pathfinder Services will use some of the building for their arts program; and Huntington University will expand their entrepreneurial programs. Total cost: \$8,039,888. Requesting from RDA: \$1,607,978 (20%). **Andrew Briggs made a motion to take the project under advisement, Gene Donaghy seconded and the UB Bock project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

Other Business

Jeff Turner

- RCI Fund Deposits (status update)
- 2016 NEI RDA operating budget (status update)
- Evaluation rubric for projects (discussion)

New Business

Jeff Turner

- No New Business was discussed by the Board

Adjournment

Jeff Turner

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

Submitted: Gene Donaghy, Secretary