

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024



In Attendance: Andrew Briggs, Gene Donaghy, James Khan, Jeff Turner

Staff in Attendance: Andrew Boxberger, Michael Galbraith, Ryan Twiss, Erin Whittle

Guests in Attendance: Huntington Mayor Richard Strick, Mark Wickersham

Meeting Location: Drummond Motorama City, 1725 Riverfork Drive, Huntington, IN 46750

Call to Order

Andrew Briggs called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Election of Officers

The 2024 slate of directors was presented as follows: James Khan as President, Bob Marshall as Vice President, and Gene Donaghy as Secretary. Andrew Briggs asked for a motion to approve the 2024 slate of officers as proposed. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the slate of directors. Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the January meeting were presented for review. James Khan asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Claims

Erin Whittle presented one claim for management services from the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and three claims for legal services for Carson LLP. James Khan asked for a motion to approve the claims. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Erin Whittle provided an update on financials and presented the monthly financial statements to the RDA. James Khan asked for a motion to accept the financials as presented. **Jeff Turner made a motion to accept the financials, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

NEI Strategic Development Commission Administrative Agreement

Ryan Twiss and Andrew Boxberger provided an update on the process of entering into an administrative agreement with the Northeast Indiana Strategic Development Commission (SDC) for the Regional

Development Authority to leverage its existing infrastructure to provide fiscal sponsorship, project intake, and marketing support to the SDC. James Khan asked for a motion to advise staff to enter into negotiations with the SDC for the administrative agreement to be considered for final approval at the March 12 RDA Board Meeting. **Jeff Turner made a motion to advise staff to enter negotiations with the SDC, Gene Donaghy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

READI Program — Disbursements

No disbursements were presented for approval or preapproval.

READI 2.0

Ryan Twiss and Michael Galbraith presented the most recent draft of the READI 2.0 Investment Strategy focusing on five investment areas: 1) Infrastructure for Jobs; 2) Housing; 3) Childcare; 4) Education Innovation; and 5) Quality of Life. Based on the current draft, James Khan asked for a motion to authorize staff to submit a request to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for \$75,000,000 in READI 2.0 funding on or before February 16, 2024. **Jeff Turner made the motion, Gene Donaghy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

With no other new business, James Khan asked for a motion to adjourn. **Gene Donaghy made the motion, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 3:55pm.**