

MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024



In Attendance: Gene Donaghy, James Khan, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner

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

Guests in Attendance: Martin Huttenlocker, Logan Development; Chad Kline, Wells County; Jonathan Leist, City of Fort Wayne

Meeting Location: 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Call to Order

Bob Marshall called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the April meeting were presented for review. Bob Marshall asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. **Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeff Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Claims

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

Downtown Ossian Project

Martin Huttenlocker of Logan Development and Chad Kline, former Wells County Economic Developer, presented a request for the RDA to direct the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to award Indiana Redevelopment Tax Credits to a mixed-use development in Downtown Ossian. The project is valued at over \$5 million and would include 20+ apartment units as well as commercial/retail space on the street level. James Khan asked for a motion to take the request under advisement and table it until the June RDA meeting. **Bob Marshall made a motion to take the consideration under advisement. Gene Donaghy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

READI Program — Disbursements and Conditional Approvals

One READI 1.0 disbursement was presented for approval by the RDA board.

- Live/Work DeKalb: \$354,062.15

James Khan asked for a motion to approve the disbursement. **Bob Marshall made the motion. Gene Donaghy seconded. Jeff Turner abstained, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Two disbursements were presented for approval by the RDA board, contingent upon approval and distribution of funds by the IEDC to the RDA.

- Topeka Workforce Housing: \$30,000
- Legacy Heights (Wabash Housing): \$169,661.73

James Khan asked for a motion to approve the disbursements contingent upon final approval by the IEDC. **Jeff Turner made the motion. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

READI 2.0

Ryan Twiss and Michael Galbraith shared updates on the process and discussions regarding READI 2.0 including a recap of the May 10 site visit by the IEDC to the region to discuss implementation, an update of the status of the draft grant agreement with the state, and the status of the READI 2.0 updates to the Grant Management Tool as shared with staff by the IEDC team.

Adjournment

With no other new business, James Khan asked for a motion to adjourn. **Jeff Turner made the motion, Gene Donaghy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 3:35 p.m.**