

RDA Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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

Staff in Attendance: Michael Galbraith, Andy Boxberger, Vanessa Hurtig, Ryan Twiss

Call to order

Gene Donaghy called the meeting to order at **2:03pm**.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Donaghy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. **Jeff Turner moved to approve the minutes, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Claims

Two claims were presented, one for Carson Boxberger and the second for reimbursement to the Regional Partnership for administrative expenses. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims, Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Projects-Pending

Michael Galbraith provided an overview of the Road to One Million Projects. There were no disbursement requests.

- Great Lakes Capital – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- University of Saint Francis – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Trine University – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Embassy Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- DeKalb County YMCA – Complete and funding fully disbursed
- Little River Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Manchester Early Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- North Buffalo Street Redevelopment Project – Under construction and has partial funding disbursement. There will be a per-unit funding disbursement as the units are completed. **Construction of the fountain has been completed. About 50% finished. New multi-story family homes in progress.**
- Regional Trails in Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- South Adams Trails – Project under construction and funding in escrow with INDOT. Still drawing down from the escrow account. **Still in progress.**
- Enterprise Center Phase I – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- UB Block – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Posterity Scholar House – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Michiana Event Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Landing Redevelopment – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- The Clyde Theater Renovation – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Riverfront Park Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Eagles Theatre – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Wabash River Trail – Funds have been partially disbursed, project under construction. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 is underway. **Anticipate completion this fall.**
- Fahl Aquatics Facility – Complete and funding fully disbursed.

- Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail – Complete and funds almost fully disbursed. Phase 1 and 2 are complete and are ~\$10,300 under disbursed budget.
- Fishing Line Trail – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Grow Wells County – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- CASS Housing – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Community Learning Center – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Enterprise Center, Phase II – Construction complete and funding fully disbursed.
- Hanna Nuttman Fields – Complete and funding fully disbursed.

READI Program

Michael Galbraith and Ryan Twiss presented a nearly final draft of the Regional Development Plan for the application of the READI Program application. There will be a request for approval at the end of the discussion. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the plan and directed staff to submit to the IEDC prior to the deadline, allowing the staff to make any final nonmaterial edits to finalize the plan prior to submission, James Khan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Financials

Michael Galbraith presented the financials. **Andrew Briggs made the motion to accept the financials, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

New Business

The Regional Partnership has hired a new president and CEO, Stephane Frijia. Stephane begins with the Partnership on October 11.

Gene Donaghy called for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Turner made the motion to adjourn, Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23pm.