

RDA Meeting

Tuesday, March 08, 2022

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 and via video conference technology where all participants could hear each other.

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

**attended via Zoom*

Staff in Attendance: Andy Boxberger, Michael Galbraith, Ryan Twiss, Erin Whittle, Brian Cherry of LWG

Call to order

Jeff Turner called the meeting to order at **2:34pm**.

Approval of Minutes

Jeff Turner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. **James Khan moved to approve the minutes, Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Audit

Brian Cherry with LWG CPAs and Advisors presented, via Zoom, the audited 2021 financial statements of the RDA. Both the financial statements and internal controls had no findings and no adjustments and the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Brian complimented Erin Whittle for her hard work, accuracy and professionalism on the financials.

The State Board of Accounts has preliminarily signed off on the audit. Brian will complete his report over next few weeks, with the audited financials to be sent to the IEDC by April 30th.

Jeff Turner called for a motion to accept. **Bob Marshall made the motion to approve the audited financials, James Khan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call.**

Claims

Claims were presented including a reimbursement to Carson LLP for legal services. A credit from the Regional Partnership was also returned to the RDA. **Andrew Briggs made a motion to approve the claims, Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Amended Management Agreement

Andy Boxberger presented an amended management agreement between the RDA and the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. The Regional Partnership team has been managing the READI proposal and negotiations with the IEDC on behalf of the RDA, and this amendment captures that work for purposes of compensating the Regional Partnership for its work up to the time of an executed IEDC . **James Khan made a motion to approve the amended agreement, Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved via roll call.**

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.
- Regional Trails in Fort Wayne – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- South Adams Trails – Complete and funding fully disbursed.
- 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 – **Phase 2 is complete. Funding disbursement request is being prepared for the April RDA board meeting.**
- 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, Ryan Twiss and Andy Boxberger outlined recent developments regarding the READI award, including a recent visit from the IEDC team. The IEDC is still finalizing the draft agreement and it is expected that the RDA will have a copy for review in the coming weeks. Staff expects to have more clarity around timelines for hearing local projects and making funding recommendations after that point.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.