

MEETING MINUTES

April 8th, 2025



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

Staff in Attendance: Michael Galbraith, Jacob Ihrie, Andy Boxberger, Erin Whittle

Others in attendance: Anton King, Josh Barkley, Chelsea Parson, Mayor Scott Long.

Meeting Location: 214 S Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992

Call to Order

James Kahn called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm

Approval of Minutes

James Khan requested a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. **Andrew Briggs made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Gene Donaghy seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Other Business

Claims

Erin Whittle presented the claims for the month of February. **Jeff Turner made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Gene Donaghy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Financial Report

Erin Whittle presented the financial reports for the month of February. James Khan requested a motion to approve the financial reports. **Jeff Turner made the motion to approve the reports as submitted. Andrew Briggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Insurance Renewal

Jacob Ihrie presented the application for insurance renewal for the RDA. After some discussion, **Jeff Turner made the motion to approve the application. James Khan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Retaining Special Council

Staff and Andy Boxberger presented to the RDA the request to retain loan council to assist in the compliance side of the evergreen funding model that the RDA is pursuing in some cases. After discussing whether or not there are procurement procedures needed to take place, **Jeff Turner made the motion**

to obtain loan council. James Khan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

SDC

Jacob Ihrle presented three payment approvals for SDC sponsored projects. Those disbursements were as follows; \$5,000 for the Wabash Fellowship program, \$344,000 for the Northeast Indiana Early Childhood Coalition, and \$16,000 for Visit Fort Wayne. **Jeff Turner made the motion to approve the disbursements. Gene Donaghy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

READI 1.0

Jacob Ihrle presented the approval of a disbursement in the amount of \$114,109.15 for the Ossian workforce housing project. **James Khan requested a motion to approve the disbursements. Jeff Turner made the motion. Gene Donaghy seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

READI 2.0

Staff had no updates of substance for the program.

Consideration of March Presentations

The Fairfield

The project owners returned with the answer to the boards question on their ability to take a grant from a tax perspective and confirmed they could with the amount they could take being \$750,000. **James Khan made the motion to award the project \$750,000 in the form of a grant and \$350,000 in the form of a loan. Andrew Briggs seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Wabash Sewer Interceptor

Mayor Scott Long gave a brief overview of the project. The board briefly deliberated on the project and reiterate the request for a \$2,056,000 grant. **James Khan asked for a motion. Jeff Turner made the motion to award a \$2,056,000 grant to the project. Gene Donaghy seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

New Presentations

The Bohn Citation Foundry

The project presented the scope of their \$2,366,529 request. The foundry was abandoned in 2008 and has fallen in to a state of collapse. In partnership with the city, JPR has been leading the effort in demolishing and rehabilitating the site to have a pad ready site for future investment. After deliberation, the board determined that the Bohn Citation project team should work with staff to have a more definitive timeline to take the project through the pad ready to final development process., and to return next month.

Adjournment

With no other new business, **James Kahn adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.**