

Pulaski County Economic Development
(Pulaski County Community Development Commission)

Tuesday, 1 March 2016

Winamac Event Center, 221 South Logan Street
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Commissioner Larry Brady, Councilor Doug Roth, Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Lawrence Loehmer (Monterey), John Plowman (Winamac); Gregg Malott, Annie Scholz, David Zeltwanger. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Project Coordinator Krysten Hinkle. Susanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville) arrived at 6:45p.m.

Members absent: Becky Anspach, Bill Champion, Natalie Federer [work-related], Andrew Fritz.

Guests: John Haley, Pulaski County *Journal*; Bill Konyha and Gerry White, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; Tony and Melanie Holliday, Clear Decision Filtration; Erica Dombey and Nicole Zell, Regional Development Corporation; Mike and Jenny Kasten, One-Eyed Jack's; John Bawcum, Jo Lynn Behny, Dave Bennett, Melanie Berger, Jeff Johnston, Ken McCune, Linda McCune, Brad Zellers.

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

Consent Agenda

With no requests for extraction having been made, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Reorganization of the Commission

Director Origer stated that he had received the following nominations:

Mr. Malott, President, by Bill Champion and Mrs. Mellon. Mr. Malott had accepted.

Mr. Plowman, Vice-President, by Mrs. Mellon, and Executive Secretary, by Mr. Champion.

Mrs. Scholz, Vice-President, by Mr. Champion, and Executive Secretary, by Mrs. Mellon. Mr. Scholz had accepted both.

Director Origer then entertained nominations from the floor; none were made, and Commissioner Brady volunteered to serve again as Membership Officer. Mr. Champion would, by default, hold the past president's seat. Mrs. Scholz and Mr. Plowman agreed between themselves that the former would serve as vice-president, and the latter as executive secretary. The director then requested a motion to close the nominations and to accept the slate as presented, including the agreement between Mrs. Scholz and Mr. Plowman and Commissioner Brady's volunteering to serve.

Motion: Mr. Zeltwanger; second: Councilman Roth; no discussion; approval: all.

Old Business

Hometown Collaboration Initiative: Director Origer requested a motion to table reports on Hometown Collaboration Initiative, PC-CARE, and Career and Technical Education curriculum grant, in the interest of time and given the lack of new information.

Motion: Secretary Plowman; second: Commissioner Brady; no discussion; approval: all

PC-CARE: Tabled.

Career and Technical Education curriculum grant: Tabled.

Term renewals/new members: Director Origer reported that the CDC is operating with 13 members, which is not full membership, and that the Chamber had not yet appointed a designee after Pam Chumley's earlier appointment was deemed to be a violation of the Indiana Code, per County Attorney Tankersley, because of her membership on the County Board of Zoning Appeals. He also noted that the non-exempt manufacturing position has also not yet been filled.

Planning/zoning administration: The Plan Commission has appointed Doug Hoover to fill the plan administrator position, ratifying the commissioners' earlier decision. The Plan Commission is also updating their rules and procedures to make procedures for future personnel decisions clearer.

Tourism-marketing opportunity: The County Council approved the transfer of funds to pay for the CBS Chicago advertisements and the Commissioners approved the expenditure by either a 2-1 or 2-0 vote. (Commissioner Krohn remained silent, and it was not clear whether he opposed or abstained from voting.) Director Origer reported that the videographers are currently working to edit the video into a format suited for television. He also reported that the invoice came in \$1,000 under the original quote. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Revolving Loan Fund Request: Director Origer invited Tony Holliday, co-owner of BACHI, LLC, and Clear Decision Filtration (CDF), briefly to review the project for which they're seeking RLF monies. Mr. Holliday described their need for a new building to double capacity, which he expects will increase his staffing needs from the current 16-18 employees to at least 25. Director Origer stated that BACHI (which owns the building and land that CDF leases) is requesting \$110,000, and that the fund currently has approximately \$157,000. He added that BACHI is currently the only prospect for the RLF. The Regional Development Company had reviewed the application and gave it a favorable risk rating, and the interest rate, based on the rules the CDC has previously set, would be 3 percent for ten years. Discussion ensued, representatives from the RDC spoken, and the CDC recommended the loan to the County Commissioners for final approval.

Motion: Mr. Loehmer; second: Vice-President Scholz; no discussion; approval: all

Other Business Deemed to Be Necessary

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Brady; second: Secretary Plowman; no discussion; approval: all. 6:50 p.m.

Krysten Hinkle, Project Coordinator/Administrative Secretary
John Plowman, Executive Secretary