

Pulaski County Economic Development
(Pulaski County Community Development Commission)

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex
Winamac, Indiana

Executive Board Executive Session

Executive Board members present: President Gregg Malott, Vice-President Annie Scholz, Executive Secretary John Plowman (Winamac), Past President Bill Champion, Membership Officer Larry Brady (Commissioner). Executive Director Nathan P. Origer.

Executive Board members absent: None.

Call to Order

President Malott called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

New Business

Executive-director review: The Executive Board met in private to discuss Director Origer's performance; at 6:15p.m., the director was called into the session for a review of his evaluation and discussion about where he is excelling and in what ways he could improve his performance. By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend that the full Commission reappoint the director for 2017.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Brady; second: Mr. Champion; no discussion; approval: all. 6:29p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present: As noted above; County Councilor Doug Roth, Aaron Paulsen (Chamber), Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville), Lawrence Loehmer (Monterey); Natalie Federer, Andrew Fritz, Beth Grund, Dave Zeltwanger. Project Manager Krysten Hinkle.

Members absent: None.

Guests: David Broad

Call to Order

President Malott called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Hometown Collaboration Initiative: Director Origer was still waiting on INDOT regarding the permitting process for the inclusion of short stretches State Roads 119 and 143 in the bike-route network. He was also awaiting OCRA's response to his inquiries regarding quarterly reporting.

PC-CARE: The Advisory Commission on Industrial Development had approved the purchase price of the proposed rail-served industrial park land, but County Attorney Kevin Tankersley then had reported that the County Council must approve by ordinance the method of disposition of any County-owned properties, including both the farm and rest home. Given the duration of that process and uncertainty as to when the farm would actually sell, Director Origer inquired as to whether the Commission would entertain his requesting of the Commissioners and Council that the land be purchased with CREDIT funds, with the CDC recommendation that the fund be reimbursed once the County farm had sold. Lengthy discussion ensued. The Commission voiced commitment to the project and approved the director's presenting the proposal to the Commissioners and Council.

Motion: Mr. Zeltwanger; second: Vice-President Scholz; no discussion; Approval: all, save Mr. Fritz, who opposed. Motion carried.

Career and Technical Education curriculum grant: Director Origer had submitted the third-quarter report, the first quarterly report involving invoices. The State would soon distribute the funds to the Community Foundation of Pulaski County, who would in turn pay the equipment

vendor. Students from West Central and Winamac had toured Winamac Coil Spring for Manufacturing Day, and there has been significant interest in the program from both schools.

Wage-and-benefit survey: The committee had been formed and would soon be meeting.

Francesville and Winamac Main Street organizations: Both Winamac and Francesville had recently received their official Main Street designations from the State. Winamac awaited approval of 501(c)3 status, and Francesville had been working on their application for such. Both organizations had schedule a plethora of events for November and December.

Adopt-a-river program: Matter tabled until January.

CDC future structure/reorganization: Mattered tabled until mid-2017.

New Business

Executive Director's reappointment: The Executive Board met prior to this meeting and recommended that the Commission reappoint Nathan P. Origer's reappointment as executive director for 2017. The members accepted the Board's recommendation.

Motion: Secretary Plowman; second: Mr. Champion; no discussion; approval: all.

2017 meeting schedule: Director Origer presented the 2017 meeting schedule and requested, due to conflicting schedules, to move the 2017 Economic Summit to the second Tuesday in March, rather than the first. The Commission agreed and the meeting schedule was adopted by consensus.

Term renewals/new members: Mr. Fritz's second term would end in February, so a replacement would have to be found, preferable one also representing the agricultural sector. President Malott agreed to serve as second term, as did Secretary Plowman and Mrs. Mellon, pending approval by their appointing bodies. Dr. Federer declined a second term and recommended that her replacement at Extension be considered; the members agreed to this. Commissioner Brady and Councilor Roth agreed to serve second terms if re-elected and reappointed. Director Origer stressed the importance of keeping the commission as diverse as possible.

Pulaski County Industrial Leadership Certificate program: The CDC, in collaboration with the Industrial Forum and Ivy Tech, had been hosting several soft-skills classes for local manufacturing employees. Director Origer stated that the Industrial Forum has contemplated formalizing the series into a certificate program in which an employee who had completed all of the classes within the series would receive a certificate. Each individual employer could then decide what value that certificate holds within the organization. Director Origer also stated that this could be something to eventually open up to the public. The Commission favored the idea.

Leadership-seminar proposal: Director Origer received a proposal from Debra Wappel, a John Maxwell Leadership Training Consultant on the possibility of hosting a seminar in and for Pulaski County. After review of the proposal, discussion ensued. Although the opportunity appeared to be worth consideration, the timeframe that Mrs. Wappel had proposed was very tight, particularly with the upcoming holidays, and the seminar would not be feasible at this time.

Other Business Deemed to Be Necessary

Non-exempt-manufacturing at-large vacancy: Director Origer received a résumé from Mr. Ross Davis, who, since 2010, has worked as a machine operator at BraunAbility and who came recommended by Mr. Zeltwanger. Given that Mr. Origer has not yet spoken with Mr. Davis, consideration of his appointment was postponed until January.

County Road 60 West closure: The County Commissioners would be holding a public hearing in regard to the petition to close County Road 60 West. Director Origer provided an overview of the details of the proposed ordinance, specifically in regards to S & S Precast, and the ability of the County to reopen the road if the vacation no longer be needed in the future.

Public Comment

Mr. Broad: Mr. Broad, citing his own experience on the Commission, congratulated the members and staff on the great work they are doing.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Brady; second: Mr. Champion; no discussion; approval all.
7:38p.m.

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