

Pulaski County Economic Development
(Pulaski County Community Development Commission)

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

Medaryville Christian Church Annex
Medaryville, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Doug Roth (County Council), Aaron Paulsen (Chamber), Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Medaryville Councilor Suzanna Wilcoxon, Lawrence Loehmer (Monterey), John Plowman (Winamac); Beth Grund, Annie Scholz, Dave Zeltwanger. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Project Coordinator Krysten Hinkle.

Members absent: Bill Champion, Ross Davis [business], Gregg Malott [personal], Samantha Williams [personal].

Guests: Raye Anne Absher, Tennille Calabrese, Howard Conner, Carol Croell, ISDA Director for Policy and Regulatory Affairs Jeff Cummins, County Building Inspector Doug Hoover, Betty Kruger, Courtney Poor, Jay Sullivan, Derrick Stalbaum, Raymond Stalbaum, Don Street, Don Tanner, Denice Tanner, Roger Tanner, County Auditor Laura Wheeler, Kelly Zeltwanger.

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Membership Action

Presented for membership was Commissioners' appointee County Auditor Laura Wheeler, effective 1 March 2017, for a term through 28 February 2019. Her appointment was confirmed.

Motion: Mr. Zeltwanger; second: Mr. Paulsen; no discussion; approval: all.

The following candidates were presented for consideration for the forthcoming at-large vacancy: Doug Hoffman, Sheila Jimenez, Lisa Malchow, and Brian Young. After discussion, members selected Mr. Hoffman to serve a three-year term effective immediately.

Motion: Mr. Zeltwanger; second: Mrs. Scholz; no discussion; approval: all, save Mr. Plowman, who dissented.

Reorganization of the Commission

The following nominations were made:

Gregg Malott, President, by Mr. Paulsen. Mr. Malott had agreed to serve as asked.

Mrs. Scholz, Vice-President, by Mr. Plowman. Mrs. Scholz accepted.

Mr. Plowman, Executive Secretary, by Mr. Zeltwanger. Mr. Plowman accepted.

Mr. Roth, Membership Officer, by Mr. Plowman. Mr. Roth accepted.

Mr. Loehmer, fifth executive-board member, by Mr. Zeltwanger. Mr. Loehmer accepted.

There being no other nominations, the slate was approved as presented.

Motion: Mr. Zeltwanger; second: Mr. Plowman; no discussion; approval: all.

Old Business

Hometown Collaboration Initiative: The Tourism Advisory Council meeting had been scheduled for 21 March, with Bill and Babe's confirmed as the caterer. In the next week, Director Origer would be obtaining pricing for bike-route signs, brochures, and other materials.

PC-CARE: Discussion tabled.

Summer internship: The Commission reviewed the proposed job description. All were in favor of the description as proposed. Advertisement of the position would begin soon.

2017 tourism marketing: Director Origer reported that the subject once again had been tabled by the County Commissioners, minus Bud Krohn, Jr., who has been absent from recent meetings. Commissioner Kenny Becker's motion to approve an online-only proposal had failed for lack of a second from Commissioner Jerry Locke. The director would resume the discussion at the

next scheduled commissioners meeting. Mrs. Mellon mentioned that during a recent discussion with Commissioner Locke, he had mentioned having high-school students create a video to promote tourism, to which Director Origer responded that a professional video had already been made, so to make another video would be unnecessary and untimely for the tourism season, and that one county superintendent already had expressed frustration with the suggestion.

Mr. Zeltwanger added, "Is this a twelfth-grade research project, or are we trying to advertise our county? With all due respect to that idea, there's not a business in this county that would use a high-school class as their PR marketing firm, and I don't see why our County should even consider [it ...]. Frankly, I find the whole thing offensive and absurd."

RAM-Tech program: Discussion tabled.

2017 strategic visioning: Discussion tabled.

Wage-and-benefit survey: Director Origer reported that during the Human Resource Group (HRG) meeting last week, the draft had been reviewed, and he would be making final edits. By the May HRG meeting, the final form would be ready for final approval distribution to local businesses.

Francesville and Winamac Main Street organizations: Discussion tabled.

Adopt-a-River program: Discussion tabled.

Pulaski County Industrial Leadership Certificate program: Discussion tabled.

New Business

None.

Other Pertinent Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Loehmer; second: Mr. Roth; no discussion; approval: all. 6:19p.m.

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