

***Pulaski County  
Community Development Commission***

Tuesday, 6 March 2018

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex  
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Members present: County Councilor Jay Sullivan, Aaron Paulsen (Chamber), Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville), Lawrence Loehmer (Monterey), Sheila Jimenez (Winamac); Doug Hoffman, Tony Holliday, Gregg Malott, Annie Scholz, Kyle Sefchek. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer Coordinator Krysten Hinkle.

Members absent: Beth Grund [personal], Doug Roth [personal], Samantha Williams [business]

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. With new members present, introductions were made, and then the director announced that County Commissioner Mike McClure had resigned his seat; Director Origer would be asking the Commissioners to replace him.

Consent Agenda

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

Reorganization of the Commission

The following nominations had been made prior to the meeting:

Mr. Malott, President, by Mr. Sullivan and Mrs Mellon. Mr. Malott had accepted.

Mrs. Scholz, Vice-President, by Mr. Sullivan. Mrs. Scholz had accepted.

Mrs. Jimenez, Executive Secretary, by Mr. Roth. Mrs. Jimenez had accepted.

Mr. Roth, Membership Officer, by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Roth had accepted.

Mr. Loehmer, executive-board member, by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Loehmer had accepted.

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

**Motion: Mr. Paulsen; second: Mrs. Mellon; no discussion; approval: all.**

Old Business

*2017 strategic visioning/ Pulaski County tax-revenue concerns:* Director Origer reported that due to the Summit next month, and lack of a full meeting the month after, the next strategic visioning committee meeting will review the first draft of revisions at the May meeting. At which point the final draft will be presented for the full CDC in June.

*PC-CARE:* Until it is known whether CSX sells the relevant portion of railroad, and to whom, local development efforts must remain suspended. Significant discussion ensued.

*Hometown Collaboration Initiative:* Director Origer reported that OCRA had denied the HCI extension request after nearly six months of repeated requests from him that had gone unanswered. He explained that the likely consequence of the denial would be a slight increase in local expenses and a cut in printing quantities.

*RAM-Tech program:* Director Origer had met with the teachers of the program on the previous day. Due to scheduling constraints, as well as to allow for peer mentoring, second- and third-year program students could potentially be in one class, possibly with an aide assisting the teacher during that period. He reported continuing conversations with the faculty and with Ivy Tech to ensure maximization of dual-credit opportunities for students. The director also reported that he had been working on other fronts, such as work-release programs and employee up-skilling, to combat the workforce shortage in manufacturing.

*Wage-and-benefit survey:* Despite advertising and additional electronic reminders, responses had remained sparse. At the following week's Pulaski County Human Resource Group meeting, the director would seek further guidance regarding the flailing project.

*Leadership Pulaski County:* At a successful first committee meeting a schedule had been finalized, with the inaugural session slated to start in January 2019, rather than September 2018, for a number of logistical reasons. Project Coordinator Hinkle would be meeting with a Purdue Extension contact for guidance on how to move forward with other details.

*Tax-abatement process:* Nothing to report.

*2018 Summit:* The Summit would be held at the former Monterey Elementary School on Tuesday, 10 April, at 6:30*p.m.*, following a brief CDC meeting at 6:00. The keynote speaker would be coming from the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

*Tourism marketing:* The Commissioners has approved the tourism-marketing package as presented.

New Business

*None.*

Other Pertinent Business

*Tippecanoe River flooding:* The flooding of the Tippecanoe River had begun to recede.

*Adopt-a-River:* Director Origer stated that sign installation would begin soon and pressed the importance of encouraging volunteers to adopt sites for trash removal.

*Small-business workshops:* Beginning in June, the Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Project, and WOW! would be co-sponsoring four Indiana Small Business Development Center workshops, two in Winamac, and two in Francesville.

Public Comment

*None.*

Adjournment

**Motion: President Malott; second: Mrs. Mellon; no discussion; approval:  
all. 6:36*p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Krysten Hinkle, Administrative Secretary  
Sheila Jimenez, Executive Secretary