

***Pulaski County
Community Development Commission***

Tuesday, 5 February 2019

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 8 January 2019

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Members present: President Gregg Malott, Vice-President Beth Grund, Executive Secretary Sheila Jimenez (Winamac), Membership Officer Doug Roth, board member Lawrence Loehmer (Monterey); Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville); Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Project Coordinator Krysten Hinkle.

Members absent: County Commissioner Kenny Becker, County Councilor Jay Sullivan [personal], Aaron Paulsen (Chamber); Tony Holliday [personal], Samantha Williams [personal].

Call to Order

President Malott called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

Consent Agenda

With no requests for extraction having been made, the consent agenda was adopted

End-2018 Financial Review

Director Origer reviewed the 2018 year-end report, highlighting that the office had returned approximately 27% of its budget unexpended; that the cash balance of the Local Income Tax – Economic Development (LIT-ED) Fund was roughly \$1.3-million, with another \$580,000 in a certificate of deposit; and that at least \$750,000 of the LIT-ED Fund had been spent on non-economic-development purposes, primarily the courthouse elevator and the annual jail-lease payment. Some members expressed confusion at why LIT-ED funds were used for the courthouse elevator project as opposed to the Cumulative Building Fund. Much discussion ensued.

Old Business

Strategic visioning/Pulaski County tax-revenue concerns: Director Origer reiterated the importance of reviewing the County's financial strategic plan prior to amending the CDC's strategic plan. He reported that the consultant whom the County had hired was supposed to have had the final report back no later than the end of December 2018 and expressed concern that he had heard no updates on the project. Furthermore, the surprise courthouse-demolition proposal arrived after the consultant had started work, which may complicate financial-planning matters. Discussion ensued.

Membership development: Brandon DeLorenzo had been approved for membership in December pending a decision regarding his applying to serve as Pulaski County EMS director; the director would be meeting with him on the next day for a follow-up conversation. Monterey Town Council President Doug Denton would be replacing Lawrence Loehmer effective 1 March, and Mr. Paulsen would be serving another term as the Chamber's representative. Two vacancies remained, and the director would be speaking to a local banker about one of the spots.

PC-CARE: Director Origer reported that he had still been working on a potential agriculture-related project north of Francesville. He would be appearing with the developer before the County Council to request a tax abatement for the projected in the near future. Additionally, Mr. Origer reported that he is no closer to knowing which lines CSX plans on selling and whether Pulaski County would be affected by their plans.

RAM-Tech program: West Central has a new principal, and Director Origer is optimistic about the support the program will receive. Manufacturing Day was a success and student engagement at both schools was impressive.

Leadership Pulaski County: No update.

Tourism efforts — 2019 marketing plan: Director Origer reported that several proposals had been received from past vendors; he and Mrs. Hinkle would be sorting through proposals and new ideas in the coming weeks.

New Business

Passageways' OnBoard meeting-packet software: Director Origer presented an informational packet regarding Passageways' meeting planning software. Discussion ensued, and the director was asked to obtain more information.

Other Pertinent Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Loehmer; second: Mr. Roth; no discussion; approval: all. 6:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krysten Hinkle, Project Coordinator/Administrative Secretary
Sheila Jimenez, Executive Secretary