

***Pulaski County
Community Development Commission***

Tuesday, 4 June 2019

Pulaski County Human Services West Side Center/Community Reading Corner
Medaryville, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Meadow Springs – A Place for Celebrations!
Francesville, Indiana

Members present: Secretary Sheila Jimenez (Winamac), board member Brandon DeLorezeno; County Commissioner Kenny Becker, County Councilor Jay Sullivan, Aaron Paulsen (Chamber), Darlene Mellon (Francesville), Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville), Doug Denton (Monterey); Tony Holliday. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Project Coordinator Krysten Hinkle. President Gregg Malott arrived at 6:10p.m.

Members absent: Vice-President Beth Grund [personal], Membership Officer Doug Roth [personal]; Samantha Williams [business], Kelsie Zellers [personal].

Guests present: Eric Armacost, Shelby Carroll, Jon Chapman, Kate Colclazier, Kelli Denton, Francesville Councilwoman Sydney Disinger, Stephen Eastridge, Lorri Feldt, Cindy Hickle, Julie Kasten, Anthony Kirkland, Courtney Poor, Thelma Tanner, County Councilwoman Kathleen Thompson, County Assessor Holly VanDerAa, Gerry White.

Call to Order

Director Origer called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Strategic visioning/Pulaski County tax-revenue concerns: Peters Municipal Consultants reported to the Council and Commissioners that beginning in 2021, the County would be facing an annual general-operating-funds deficit of \$2.5 to \$2.7-million dollars. Discussion ensued. Director Origer explained that the dire financial situation certainly would have an effect on how the CDC is able to encourage investment and maintenance of the community. He further reported that he would meeting with representatives from neighboring counties in the following week to discuss regional partnership strategies, particularly regarding value-added agriculture.

PC-CARE: Nothing to report other than the project would be put to rest if the Putt family would successfully purchase their targeted property and begin their project, although the CDC would still work closely with them when and as appropriate.

RAM-Tech program: Director Origer would be chaperoning RAM-Tech students and other vocational-trades pupils from West Central on a field trip to BraunAbility, Winamac Coil Spring - Winamac, and Galbreath in late April.

Leadership Pulaski County: Mrs. Hinkle reported that the calendar of dates had been developed, and a meeting would be scheduled to move forward.

Tourism efforts — 2019 marketing plan: Director Origer reported on the airing of the television commercial and the subsequent increase in website traffic.

Passageways' OnBoard meeting-packet software: After utilizing the free trial, the members, Director Origer, and Mrs. Hinkle agreed that the cost of *OnBoard* outweighs the convenience of it.

Membership — ag. vacancy: The Commission remained in need of a member from the agricultural sector; two persons were suggested; the director encouraged further recommendations.

Amendments to Revolving Loan Fund guidelines: The director reviewed the previous month's amendments and reported that the County attorney had approved those changes and offered insights on outstanding matters, which Director Origer had then translated into proposed new language. The fund had a current balance of approximately \$72,000. Discussion ensued. Presenting

the complete roster of changes to the County Commissioners for final adoption, pending the County attorney's sign-off, was approved.

Motion: Mr. Denton; second; Mr. Holliday; no discussion; approval: all

Workforce-gap project: Director Origer reported that after discussion with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Department of Workforce Development, he had developed possible leads for funding and would continue ironing out details and contacting potential partners.

Main Street loan program: Director Origer had been unable to submit the grant application in time, but it would remain on the radar for the 2020 grant cycle.

New Business

None.

Other Pertinent Business

County taxes and finances: Councilman Sullivan stated, in regards to the County's financial situation, that he believed that the plan moving forward would involve raising property taxes without lowering income taxes, but that once the County's finances had been righted, lowering the income-tax rate could be reconsidered.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Mrs. Wilcoxon; second: Councilman Sullivan; no discussion; approval: all. 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krysten Hinkle, Project Coordinator/Recording Secretary
Sheila Jimenez, Secretary