

***Pulaski County  
Community Development Commission***

7 January 2020

Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex  
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

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Members present: President Gregg Malott, Vice-President Beth Grund, Membership Officer Doug Roth, board member Brandon DeLorenzo; County Commissioner Kenny Becker, Darlene Mellon (Francesville); Christy Coon, Kelsie Zellers. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Project Coordinator Krysten Hinkle. Aaron Paulsen (Chamber) arrived at 6:31p.m.

Members absent: Secretary Sheila Jimenez (Winamac) [personal]; County Councilor Jay Sullivan, Suzanna Wilcoxon (Medaryville), Doug Denton (Monterey) [civic]; Tony Holliday [business], Samantha Williams [personal].

Call to Order

President Malott called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. Director Origer introduced new member Christy Coon, and Mrs. Coon briefly spoke about her background.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

*Strategic visioning/Pulaski County tax-revenue concerns:* Director Origer had little to report, due to lack of action from the County Council, despite their having been advised on action plans by Peters Municipal Consultants.

*RAM-Tech program:* West Central's Advanced Manufacturing instructor had not yet been in contact with Director Origer this semester, so the director would be reaching out to him again.

*Leadership Pulaski County:* The program would begin in April 2020.

*Passageways' OnBoard meeting-packet software:* Director Origer had reached out to the company about the refund on the test period multiple times, with no response. The director would be speaking with the County Attorney regarding the issue and potential legal action.

*Workforce-gap project:* Director Origer, having been preoccupied with *de-facto* county-administrator responsibilities, had not had the time to consult with regional partners regarding this.

*Adopt-a-River:* The director spoke about the recent river clean-up, organized and executed by volunteers, some of whom are already volunteers for the Adopt-A-River program. The CDC paid for the transfer station fees for what could not be recycled, and the Winamac Town Electric Department hauled the refuse to the transfer station.

*2020 budget:* Director Origer distributed the last draft of the 2020 budget, explaining that, by all indications, there would not be raises. Heated discussion ensued. Without any other cuts being made, the 2020 CDC budget would come in 21-percent lower than the 2019 budget.

*Regional broadband project:* Pulaski County is one of 10 counties participating in a regional grant project for implementing rural broadband. The area the director had been considering for beta testing would cover Wallace Pork Systems, Rose Acre Farms, and MetalFab.

*Revolving Loan Fund matters:* Director Origer had been waiting on paperwork from one potential borrower and had received another application and fee. Additionally, IBS Thermoplastics's machine had been delivered with damage, and the owner had been arranging for representatives of the company that manufactured it to assess if the damage is cosmetic or substantial during their visit to set up the machine.

Other Pertinent Business

*None.*

Public Comment

*None.*

Adjournment

**By consensus. 6:36p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Krysten Hinkle, Project Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
Doug Roth, Membership Officer/Secretary *pro tempore*