Pulaski County Community Development Commission Executive Board

Tuesday, 1 November 2022 Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 2 August 2022
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Members present: President Sheila Jimenez (Winamac), Vice President Maurice Loehmer (County Commissioners), Secretary Brandon DeLorenzo, executive-board member Kathleen Thompson (County Council). Executive Director Nathan P. Origer.

Members present by telephone: Membership Officer Kelsie Zellers.

Members absent: None.

Guests present: Asher Risner.

Call to Order

President Jimenez called the meeting to order at 6:15 *p.m.*

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May joint meeting with the Strategic Visioning Committee were approved as presented.

Motion: President Jimenez; second: Councilor Thompson; no discussion; approval: all.

Monthly Reports

Executive Director's report: The director highlighted his activities over the summer, focusing on strategic-plan—implementation efforts in tandem with the Community Foundation's Aspirations-in-Action programming and through business-retention/-expansion visits with local manufacturers; reporting on efforts in his capacity as chairman of KIRPC; and noting that the Board of Commissioners and Council had formally approved adjusting his workweek from 35 hours to 40.

Financial report: The director briefly reviewed Commission and fund financials, noting that a healthy year-end balance was still anticipated, with additional funds to be reimbursed upon issuance of the courthouse-project bond, and that the Revolving Loan Fund's balance neared \$100,000.

Old Business

Revolving Loan Fund matters – I.B.C. Thermoplastics: County Attorney Kevin Tankersley had reported drawing nearer to filing for foreclosure on the property, as he had not seen sufficient movement to dispose of it otherwise by Mr. Voranoff's estranged wife.

Solar-energy development: Two Courts had ruled in favor of the County Council and the projects regarding tax abatements; the petitioners had filed appeals of these rulings. The director reported that most legal challenges remained undecided, including the challenge to the Board of Commissioners's amendments to the County's unified development ordinance eliminating the special-exception requirement for commercial solar-energy projects.

New Business

Executive-director annual-performance review: The director reminded members that they would be meeting in executive session in November to discuss his performance, noting that the new evaluation form would be implemented this year. Director Origer would distribute the form and instructions in October, solicit input from the presidents of the Board of Commissioners and Council regarding his duties to the County beyond community development, seek comment from his assistant and summer intern regarding staff management, and provide the Board with a self-assessment.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion: President Jimenez; second: Secretary DeLorenzo; no discussion; approval: all. $6:38\ p.m.$

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan P. Origer, Executive Director/Recording Secretary Brandon DeLorenzo, Secretary