

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2008

Board Members Present: Baumgartner, Chamness, Hackman, Holman, Jackson, Kem, Powell, Semler, and Spears

Board Members Absent: Ahaus and Keep

Staff Present: Dinkle, Doty, Groth, Hansen and Shaffer

Staff Absent: van Niekerk

Guests Present: Bob Baker - First Richmond Group
Ted Baker - SBDC
Gene Cates - Town of Centerville
Mike Gibbs - Ivy Tech Community College
Mary Heyob – Wayne County Commissioner
Chris Nolte – *WKBV*
Diana Pappin – Richmond Common Council
Jeff Plasterer – Wayne County Council
Darrell Smith – *Connersville News Examiner*
George Sowers - EDC Legal Counsel
Kim Thurlow - Ivy Tech Community College

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Joe Chamness called the Board of Directors meeting for the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008, at the Lion's Club in Economy, Indiana and thanked Bob Baker, the Lion's Club and the Town of Economy for their hospitality. Bob Baker discussed the City of Economy and the impact of the EDC on Economy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kem, second by Hackman to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2008, monthly Board of Directors meeting. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

September Financial Statement

Powell reported that our budget year-to-date is under budget \$7,514.45, even though we were slightly over budget in some line items. **Motion by Hackman, second by Baumgartner** to approve the report as presented. **Motion carried.** Powell reported that we needed a transfer of funds from 3312 – Legal Services to 3320 – Contractual/Professional services.

Motion by Semler, second by Jackson to approve the transfer of funds as presented. **Motion carried.**

EDC REPORT

In addition to his written President's Update in the Staff Report, Dinkle thanked Hansen and the rest of the EDC staff for their work on the Japan call trip, reported on the state of the economy, and the recent site visits which we hope to be hearing a positive result from soon.

In addition to his written Staff Report, Hansen reported on the trip to Japan and presented a Power Point about that trip. He also reported on the status of the existing business surveys on which he is working and that he had completed 50 and that 15 were not interested in participating. Generally, the consensus of those companies is that things are difficult right now due to the economy.

In addition to her written Staff Report, Shaffer reported on the recent site visit and the 6 new projects on which she is working.

In addition to her written Staff Report, Doty reported on the status of her projects, such as the Hagerstown Eco Park selection committee, the Milton Planning grant, and the Cambridge City Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – Powell reported that the Finance Committee discussed the general ledger, the Japan call Trip, EDIT Application 08-114 – Town of Centerville, EDIT Application 08-115 – Western Wayne Regional Sanitary District, the Search Committee, the Nominating Committee and recent site visits.

B. Personnel – Semler reported that the Personnel Committee had discussed the two EDIT applications, 08-114 and 08-115, the progress of the Search Committee and the need for a Nominating Committee, recent site visits and the EDC's compressed work week.

C. Marketing – Holman reported that the Marketing Committee discussed at length the Japan call trip, EDIT Application of the Town of Centerville (08-114) and EDIT Application of Western Wayne Regional Sanitary District (08-115), the new green ad being created by Brand Acceleration, the progress and process of the Search Committee, the need for a Nominating Committee, recent site visits, including the Community Venture Network session coming up and the EDC's compressed work week.

D. Industrial Park – Chamness reported that the Industrial Park Committee discussed the successful Japan call trip, EDIT Application 08-114 – Town of Centerville, EDIT Application 08-115 – Western Wayne Regional Sanitary District, the Search Committee progress, the need for a Nominating Committee and recent site visits, as well as approving the landscaping and lighting for Bev's Threads building based on the City's approval.

E. Executive – Chamness reported that the Executive Committee discussed the success of the Japan call trip, the two EDIT applications, 08-114 and 08-115, the progress of the Search Committee and the need for a Nominating Committee, recent site visits, the upcoming Community Venture Network session and the EDC's compressed work week.

SBDC PRESENTATION

Ted Baker, Regional Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) gave a brief presentation on the SBDC and their role in Wayne County. He also discussed the spirit of entrepreneurship here in this area and thanked the EDC and Ivy Tech for their support. He discussed being present in Wayne County 3 days a week, his career and qualifications, and how the SBDC plans on helping more in Wayne County.

EDIT APPLICATION 08-114 – Town of Centerville

Hansen reported on this application and after discussion, it was decided to table this until further details could be gathered.

EDIT APPLICATION 08-115 – Western Wayne Regional Sanitary District

Doty reported on this application and it was approved and will be taken to the County Commissioners on Wednesday.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ballots were given out to vote for a nominating committee. After tallying the votes, Steve Holman, Roger Kem and Ashton Veramallay were appointed as the Nominating Committee. Veramallay declined and the vote was thrown out and another vote was taken. Kevin Ahaus, Rhett Baumgartner and Steve Holman were then appointed as the Nominating Committee. Joe Chamness will also be a member of that committee as Board Chair. They will be meeting in the near future.

SELECTION PROCESS AND COMMITTEES

Chamness went over the selection process and discussed how the search was going to take place and informed those in attendance that we were proceeding with the search. A handout on the process was placed in the board packets for review by those in attendance.

REQUESTS FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Hansen discussed recent requests the EDC had received for energy assistance and discussion was held on whether or not the EDC can help monetarily in this regard. **Motion by Baumgartner, second by Powell to form a committee so discuss requests for energy assistance. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING– 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008, at the Oncology Conference Room, Reid Hospital, Richmond, Indiana.