

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA**

**Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2007**

Board Members Present: Chamness, Hackman, Holman, Jackson, Keep, Kem, Powell, Semler, Veramallay, and Zetzl

Staff Present: Dinkle, Doty, Ducey, Hansen, Johnson, Kraft and Martus

Guests Present: Guntly Adkins – Wayne County Surveyor
Brian Alenskis – Purdue University College of Technology
Steve Borchers – Wayne County Foundation
Denny Burns – Burns Corporation
Ron Chappell – Director, Human Rights Commission
Angie Dickman – Reid Hospital
Tom Dickman – Wayne County Commissioner
Al Dillon – Wayne County Council
Don Eliason – interested citizen
Nate Feltman – Indiana Secretary of Commerce and President of
the Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Tony Foster – City of Richmond
David Fulton – Chancellor, Indiana University East
Dick Hamm – EDC past chair
Mary Heyob – President, Wayne County Commissioner
Sara Higinbotham – RWC Chamber of Commerce
Steve Higinbotham – WC Director of Planning and Zoning
Sally Hutton – Mayor, City of Richmond
Gene Kates – former EDC board member
Mindy Kenworthy – Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Garry Kleer – First Bank Richmond
Jeff Lane – *WQLK/WHON*
Paul Lingle – Lingle Real Estate
Bill Martus – honored guest
Marilynn Martus – honored guest
John McBride – West End Bank
Tom McKee – former EDC board member
Carol McKey – former EDC board member
Joe Meyer – former EDC board member
Chris Nolte - *WKBV*
Dianna Pappin – Richmond City Council
Harry Phillips – Richmond Power and Light
Jeff Plasterer – Wayne County Council
Steve Porter – First Richmond Realtors
John Rusie – former EDC board member
Tim Scales – Indiana University East
Karl Sharp – Richmond City Council
Marjorie Sharp – interested citizen

Tiffany Shaw – Wayne County Vision
Darrell Smith – *Connersville News Examiner*
George Sowers – EDC legal counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair John Zetzl called the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:12 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2007 at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond, IN.

2006 REVIEW

Dick Hamm reflected on the previous year by speaking of the challenges that the board and staff faced throughout a time a transition, the successes as a result of the leadership of Bill Martus, the guidance provided by George Sowers, and the hard work put in by the board of directors.

2007 OVERVIEW

John Zetzl spoke of the upcoming board retreat where the focus will be on identifying target markets, adopting a new marketing approach, expanding the industrial parks, capitalizing on our I-70 location and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, project management, new investment focuses, and demonstrating community leadership. The EDC also hopes to put a focus on life long education. Parents must encourage their kids to learn and there is no better way than to demonstrate it themselves. It is in Wayne County's best interest to create our own demand by producing a capable workforce that will attract new jobs and growth.

AWARDS

John Zetzl presented Dick Hamm with the Past Chairman Award and Gene Kates and Carol McKey were presented with the Past Member, Board of Directors Award.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF BILL MARTUS

Dick Hamm spoke of the successes that Bill brought to the EDC in his 2 terms as interim president. Those successes mentioned were DOT Foods, Inc., TBK America, Inc., and Yukiya USA. Martus was instrumental in bringing all three companies to Wayne County. His knowledge of economic development also landed him a spot on a panel at an IEDA conference. Martus' talents have been invaluable to the EDC and the community. He was thanked with a hand carved walking stick with an engraved name plate.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Nate Feltman, the Indiana Secretary of Commerce and President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, spoke of the State of Indiana's successes in 2006 with 186 new companies, 22,000 new jobs on the horizon, and a capital investment of \$8.4 billion. Feltman also stated that Indiana was the only state to land more than one auto manufacture in 2006. We landed three to include Honda, Toyota, and Cummins. He feels that Wayne County's location is a great asset because 85% of projects land within 5 miles of an interstate. Infrastructure is the key to relocation so it is imperative that Wayne County market I-70.

ADJOURNMENT

Zetzl adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m. without a motion.

