WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT December 13, 2016

The Whitley County Redevelopment Commission met Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Redevelopment members in attendance were Chairman Jim Argerbright, Bill Overdeer, George Schrumpf, Michael Schrader and Jill Western. Redevelopment member Frank Kessler was absent. The Commission had legal representation of Andy Boxberger from Caron Boxberger LLP. EDC President Jon Myers was in attendance. Guests included: Planning Director Nathan Bilger, Jennifer Stephenson from the Planning Department and Steve Western.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman JArgerbright at 8:00 AM.

INDIANA MATERIALS PROCESSING PROJECT FUNDING: EDC President Jon Myers stated that Briner Building had submitted a change order at the previous meeting that had two components and the Commission approved Item #1 but denied Item #2. Jon had spoken with George Schrumpf, Andy Boxberger and Jim Argerbright about the remaining \$18,900.00 that is committed to the project. This is essentially for the dirt issues or the problem with the soil. Due to Redevelopment not being able to directly pay for the project, CEDIT funds will pay for the project and the Redevelopment Commission will reimburse the County. There will need to be an agreement in place and signed between the Board of Commissioners and the Redevelopment Commission. The building for this project is almost complete at this time. BOverdeer made a motion to approve moving forward with using CEDIT funds and reimbursing the County and approving the dirt work; MSchrader seconded the motion; motion passed with all in favor.

2017 MEETING CALENDAR: The 2017 meeting calendar was presented to the Commission. The calendar has the Commission meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month except for three meetings that had to be changed. Both meetings in August had to be changed due to a conflict with the County Council and one in December because of the holiday. *MSchrader made a motion to approve the 2017 meeting calendar; seconded by GSchrumpf; motion passed with all in favor.*

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: Planning Director Nathan Bilger stated that AJ Machine's building is delayed due to moving the location of their building forward to allow for more expansion space in the future. They will also need a powerline easement from Northeastern REMC. This would also push the pond by the building underneath Northeastern REMC's power line. They are now trying to redesign the pond in order to keep the power line from being above it and to help move the building forward. In regard to the US 30 public meetings, Nathan stated that they were very well attended by the public to educate them on what the project will be. EDC President Jon Myers informed the Commission that the Organic Fertilizer project is still in process and he hopes to bring a proposal to the Commission in the near future. In regard to the Rail Connect Spec building, Autoliv is working on improvements to the building and they have a deadline of March 1, 2017 to move into the building. Then another 18 to 20 months after Autoliv has occupied the building, they will be looking into a possible expansion. In regard to the fiber optic

internet service in the TIF district and throughout the County in certain places, the internet will begin in Columbia City and extend to the TIF district. The internet will allow for lower cost and higher speed for businesses and residences. At this time the Commission is also in search of the sewer contract/agreement with the City. The estimated cost to replace the sewer would be approximately around \$21,000,000.00.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES & CLAIMS: The minutes for the November 7, 2016 meeting were presented for review. BOverdeer motioned the November 7, 2016 minutes be approved; MSchrader seconded the motion; motion passed with a 4/0 vote. In regard to claims, the check run for November 10, 2016 consisted of claims for: Briner Building for \$15,000.00, Carson Boxberger Attorneys for \$1,870.50, Northeastern REMC for \$497.71 and Whitley RC Investments, LLC for \$4,075.00. BOverdeer made a motion to approve the check run; MSchrader seconded the motion and motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

James Argerbright, Chairman

Michael D. Schrader, Secretary

Attest:

Vana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor