

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Western
Kim Wheeler
George Schrupf
Jim Argerbright
Frank Kessler
Michael Schrader

LEGAL COUNSEL

Andy Boxberger

STAFF

Jon Myers
Jennifer Shinabery
Jana Schinbeckler
Nathan Bilger

GUESTS

Steve Western
Mike Cook – Columbia City Wastewater Department
Alan Tio - MKS

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Argerbright called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and read roll call.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 14, 2018 regular meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented; Mr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SDI-COLUMBIA CITY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE:

Mr. Myers reviewed the status report prepared by Ms. Beregszazi, explaining that the Definitive Agreement will need to be finalized this week to avoid delays. He explained that the City would be reviewing the agreement tonight. He also reported that the 300 South land acquisition is being finalized. Mr. Bilger reported that the City is expected to award the contractor bid for the Lift Station this evening at their meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mr. Myers reported that he would be attending a status review meeting regarding the Rail Connect spec building project and would have an update following.

Mr. Myers introduced discussion regarding the South Whitley Redevelopment Commission and the TIF area they are establishing. He explained that there is a portion of the proposed Industrial Park that lies outside of the town's jurisdiction and asked the members whether or not they would support recommending to the Commissioners that RDC control over this area be relinquished. Mr. Bilger showed an aerial view, demonstrating the parcels in question. Annexation was discussed and Attorney Boxberger explained that this is still a future possibility. Following further discussion, Mr. Kessler made a motion to recommend to the County

Commissioners to allow the South Whitley RDC to take control over the northern area as indicated on the map; Mr. Schrader seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Schinbeckler asked about the status of the agreement with WCCS as an invoice has yet to be received and therefore no payments made. Attorney Boxberger explained that he was still waiting on information from Huntington Bank needed to finalize the agreement.

Mr. Bilger and Mr. Myers reported on the Environmental assessment that was recently completed for Coupled Products.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS:

Claims were reviewed and consisted of: Carson, LLP for \$6582.50 and \$2205.00, Northeastern REMC for \$497.71, Pyrotek for \$3722.92, Star Financial Bank Loan Services for \$462,657.30, Whitley County Recorder for \$25.00, BCS Management, Inc. for \$6,035.88, and Donohue & Associates, Inc. for \$35,766.47 and \$640.00. Mr. Schrader made a motion to approve the claims; Mr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Argerbright abstaining.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

Attest:


James Argerbright, President


Michael Schrader, Secretary