

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Jim Argerbright	X		Nathan Bilger	Scott Wagner
Chad Banks		X	Brent Bockelman	Tiffany Deakins
Frank Kessler	X		Cami Hippenhammer	Tamela Tincher
Michael Schrader	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Kim Wheeler	Electronic		Andy Boxberger (Electronic)	
Jill Western	X		GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE				
Steve Western				
George Schrumppf				

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Argerbright called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Argerbright read roll call. All members present and absent are listed above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Argerbright opened nominations for the 2022 officers.

Mr. Schrader made a motion to nominate Mr. Argerbright as President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

Mr. Schrader make a motion to nominate Mr. Kessler as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Argerbright. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

Mr. Kessler made a motion to nominate Mr. Schrader as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Argerbright. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

LARWILL SEWER UPDATE

Scott Wagner gave an update on the Larwill sewer project. He discussed the quotes that he had received on the electrical and excavation work to be done. There was discussion on the quotes.

Mr. Wagner discussed the Gradeless property and authorization of work to be done there.

Mr. Argerbright suggested that more research be done before a decision could be made. Mr. Schrader made a motion to table the Larwill sewer discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

CTE TRAINING FOR SMITH-GREEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Mr. Boxberger gave an update on the educational training resolution and contract with the school system including obligations. Mr. Argerbright asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 and authorize Mr. Argerbright to sign contract agreements. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schrader. Mr. Argerbright asked that the motion be

amended to include Mr. Kessler as authorized to sign agreements also. Mr. Kessler and Mr. Schrader agreed to the amendment.

Ms. Western asked to go on record that Whitley County Consolidated Schools opposed this due to the taxpayer dollars from Union Township going to a competing school district.

Mr. Argerbright acknowledged Ms. Western’s comment. He then called for a vote. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Buuck gave an update on the Gateway Drainage project. He stated that with the delay by NIPSCO and weather conditions, the final work would be finished when weather allowed in the spring.

Mr. Buuck stated that he had received a letter of intent for the two lots in Rail Connect from Ambassador Enterprises, the parent company of American Landmaster. He stated that he has started on the appraisal process on the property.

Mr. Buuck discussed the tour that he had taken at the Impact building. He stated that the transformation of the building was remarkable and a great success story about the public improvement with TIF dollars.

Mr. Schrader suggested that the members of the RDC should make visits to these locations. Mr. Buuck stated that he would get that arranged. Mr. Bilger suggested that these visits might be formally scheduled and a regular calendar item to improve on participation opportunities.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

Whitley County EDC	\$8,000	<i>Quarterly fee</i>
BCS Management	\$519.01	<i>Bill for meeting to discuss bills</i>

Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the claim for Whitley County EDC and to hold the BCS Management claim for further review. Mr. Schrader seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Minutes for the December 28th, 2021, meeting were presented for consideration. Mr. Schrader made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kessler seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote, 4-0.

With there being no further business, Mr. Argerbright declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

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ATTEST:

James Argerbright, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary