

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 August 29, 2023
WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Theresa Baysinger	X		Tiffany Deakins	Dale Buuck
Frank Kessler	X		Nathan Bilger	Tamela Tincher
Jon Myers	X		Brent Bockelman	Brad Allen
Michael Schrader	X		Cami Hippenhammer	
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Andy Boxberger	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

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

BUSCHE PROJECT/100S SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Bilger discussed the bid opening by the City. He stated that there were two bids received. One of the bids seemed to be low, so a meeting was held with Wessler Engineering, Chip Hill, Nathan Bilger, and the Contractor, to go over the numbers provided by API to make sure nothing was left out. Nothing was missing and the contractor felt confident in the bid that was provided. Mr. Bilger stated that the Columbia City Board of Works is expected to award the contract at their next meeting.

Ms. Baysinger discussed the concern that contractors had regarding the November 1st deadline placed on the drainage project with crops in the ground and delays in materials possible. Discussion was made about extending the deadline to address these concerns. Mr. Boxberger discussed amendments being made to the agreements to allow for an extension. Discussion was made on options and the timeframe to get bids for the project. It was determined that the date of January 1st would be put into place as the deadline in the amended agreement.

Mr. Myers made a motion to change the deadline in the amended agreement to January 1, 2024. Ms. Baysinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Boxberger stated that he would draft the amendment and send it out.

Discussion was made to make the areas of the drainage that coincide with the sewer a priority in the project.

Mr. Allen discussed the open cut permits that would be required for the project.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Buuck discussed a training grant agreement with Impact CNC. He stated that the current claim reimbursement has not been paid due to a possible overpayment on a previous agreement. He suggested paying the current claim and going back and correcting the older agreement. Mr. Boxberger discussed possible solutions and suggested getting together to determine the best way.

Ms. Baysinger discussed the U.S. 30 Coalition and U.S. Propel. She stated that the cost to be part of the group is \$7500 and had been paid by the Commissioners. She stated that with the budget being tight, the cost may be asked to be covered by the RDC. Mr. Boxberger stated that he would check to verify that TIF funds could be used in this way. Ms. Baysinger stated that if the Commission would like to see a presentation at some point on the proposal, she would be happy to arrange that.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

Whitley County Drainage Board	\$66,050.00	<i>Equipment</i>
Whitley County Drainage Board	\$11,125.00	<i>Trailer</i>
Star Financial Bank Loan Serv.	\$311,012.41	<i>Bond Payment</i>
Restoration Medical Polymers	\$28,737.32	<i>Training Agreement</i>
Carson LLP	\$2,088.00	<i>Legal Services</i>

Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the claims as presented; Mr. Schrader seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Buuck explained that the prospect on one of the Larwill Properties had decided on a different property.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Previous minutes of July 11, 2023 were reviewed. Mr. Myers asked that a correction from his name to Mr. Schrader be made.

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Mr. Kessler seconded. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0

Having no further business, Mr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:29 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary