

Central Indiana Regional Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present, Representing Quorum:

Dr. Roderick Perry, City of Indianapolis	Mitch Frazier, City of Westfield
Chris Pryor, City of Carmel	Keith Lauter, City of Greenwood
Frank Esposito, City of Indianapolis	

Committee Members Missing:

None.

Others Present:

Anna Gremling, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Sean Northup, MPO
Danielle Gerlach, MPO	Chris Steinmetz, City of Indianapolis—Office of Corporation Council
Rick Cockrum, Capitol Assets	Sydnee Cseresznyes, Capitol Assets

1. **Welcome**

Chris Pryor called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. **Anna Gremling** conducted roll call of RDA Board Members.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. **Meeting Minutes**

<p>Mitch Frazier moved to approve meeting minutes from February 24,2020 RDA Board Meeting. Dr. Roderick Perry seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Pryor, Yes - Mitch Frazier, Yes - Keith Lauter, Yes - Dr. Roderick Perry, Yes - Frank Esposito, Yes <p>The minutes of the February 24, 2020 RDA Board Meeting were approved as presented. MOTION PASSED.</p>

3. **2021 Membership Dues and Budget Resolution 2020-RDA-002**

Sean Northup explained changes in the budget for 2021, including increased staff time. The rates have remained from last year. The total budget is lower than last year’s due to the lower cost of the audit. **Northup** explained the amount of dues for each community based on population.

Keith Lauter moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2020-RDA-002, approving the 2021 budget and membership dues.

Mitch Frazier seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Pryor, Yes
- Mitch Frazier, Yes
- Keith Lauter, Yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, Yes
- Frank Esposito, Yes

Resolution 2020-RDA-002 was approved.

MOTION PASSED.

STATUS REPORTS

4. **Financial Report**

Northup updated the group on the financial report. There were no changes other than what was mentioned in the budget. **Gremling** explained a difference may be noticed between the purchase order and contract for the 2019 audit, which happened from decreasing the total cost after contract negotiations.

5. **2019 Audit**

Anna Gremling briefed the group about the 2019 audit, which is being conducted by KSM Consultants. They are seeking to begin in approximately two weeks and expect the process to take a few days.

Gremling is hoping to have the results at the next board meeting and will be sending preliminary reports once they are received.

6. **Legislation**

Rick Cockrum of Capitol Assets updated the group on legislation and Senate Bill 350 that recently passed the state government. This bill codifies the MPO strategic plan and also endorses it at the legislative level. This should not result in any major changes. The bill has an exhaustive list of duties for the RDA, specified for Central Indiana. There were questions about management initially. **Chris Steinmetz** asked about the provision that causes the legislation to expire on July 1, 2025. **Rick** explained this is a pilot right now and adding that sunset provision is means to have the group return to the legislature and show them what has occurred. **Chris Pryor** asked if the approved legislation relieves the current RDA of the fiduciary responsibilities that were previously agreed upon. **Gremling** explained the RDA meeting schedule will be modified and the resolution designating the RDA as the fiduciary agent will be revised. **Pryor** asked about what to do moving forward. **Gremling** stated these conversations are starting to occur to figure out next steps. **Sean Northup** added that in the RDA section of the bill, it specifically says the RDA must cooperate with the new MPO. He added the MPO's organization will be changing, which will also be part of those conversations.

7. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update**

Anna Gremling explained how the groups will be organized as the MPO expands its operations beyond transportation. The EDD is necessary because there are funds available that the MPO and RDA cannot apply for because there is not an existing CEDS document or EDD designation. The MPO has letters of support from all counties that will be a part of the Central Indiana EDD with the exception of Shelby County, it belongs to a different EDD and cannot be in two concurrently.

Gremling briefed the group on the process moving forward to get the EDD designation. The application is going in after June 1 so the MPO does not need to apply under the City of Indianapolis but under the new MPO. **Gremling** highlighted some of the required elements will be updated from previous versions of the CEDS document and be brought to the modern application standards. Following the CEDS approval, the MPO can then apply for the EDD designation and have access to apply for additional funds. A board is needed, which will be determined later. **Gremling** added it is a 1:1 match, meaning we would have to figure out where to get the matching \$70,000. **Chris Pryor** asked about what needs to happen next for the grant application. **Gremling** hopes to submit sometime in June.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

8. *Other Items of Business*

Chris Pryor inquired about the status of the annual report and whether it has been submitted. **Gremling** is looking into it to ensure it was submitted.

9. *Adjournment*

Keith Lauter moved to adjourn the RDA Board Meeting.

Mitch Frazier seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Pryor, Yes
- Mitch Frazier, Yes
- Keith Lauter, Yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, Yes
- Frank Esposito, Yes

The RDA Board meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

MOTION PASSED.