

**MINUTES**  
**WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Schrader  
Jill Western  
George Schrumpf  
Frank Kessler  
Kim Wheeler

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Andy Boxberger

**ABSENT**

Jim Argerbright

**STAFF**

Jon Myers  
Nathan Bilger  
Jennifer Shinabery  
Jana Schinbeckler

**GUESTS**

Alan Tio – MKS  
Lana Beregszazi - BCS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-president George Schrumpf called the meeting to order at 8:02 am and read roll call.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for the March 22, 2018 special meeting were presented for review. Mr. Schrader motioned to approve the March 22, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented; Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0-1 vote, with Mr. Kessler abstaining.

**US30 SEWER CROSSINGS PROJECT BID OPENING:**

Mr. Bilger explained that the bid opening was postponed until the April 24, 2018 regular meeting per the request of contractors.

**ANNUAL REPORT:**

Mr. Bilger passed out draft copies of the 2017 Annual Report and reviewed the report. Necessary revisions were noted on pages 5 and 6. Mr. Kessler motioned to approve the 2017 Annual Report pending those revisions; Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADVANCED ASSEMBLY TRAINING GRANT:**

Mr. Myers reviewed the training grant request that had been discussed during the last regular meeting. He reviewed the financial concerns that were expressed and the results of his investigation into those concerns. Following discussion, Mr. Schrader motioned to approve to pay the full amount of \$235,000; Mr. Kessler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SDI-COLUMBIA CITY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE:**

Ms. Beregszazi presented an issue requiring resolution and action regarding the purchasing of land for the location of the lift stations. She explained that this land acquisition affects the design of these lift stations and needs to be solidified in order to secure financing for the project. The issue of who would purchase the land and the challenges regarding finances were discussed. Attorney Boxberger, Mr. Myers, and Ms. Beregszazi agreed to further investigate the issue and work on a resolution to present at the next regular meeting. Mr. Wheeler motioned to give Ms. Beregszazi the authority to represent the RDC; Mr. Schrader seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beregszazi also mentioned that city's financing package requires wetland delineation and an archeological survey, which could create delays due to the weather.

Attorney Boxberger summarized a financing concern that arose while drafting the final agreement between the parties involved. The issue relates to a requirement of the tax-exempt bond, the city intends to secure, regarding the percentage of use as a private sewer system. He stated that he will have more information tomorrow regarding this issue.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

Mr. Myers briefly reviewed the progress of upcoming projects that have been discussed in previous meetings.

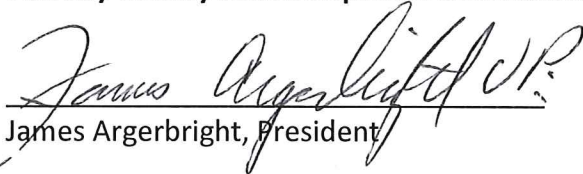
Mr. Bilger mentioned that the new reception hall on Lincolnway being built by Union 12, LLC plans to open the first weekend of May. He also mentioned that the Holiday Inn Express in Columbia City plans to open to the public mid-May.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS:**

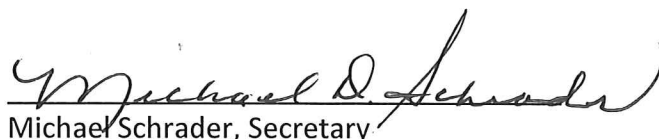
There were no claims presented.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

**Whitley County Redevelopment Commission**

  
James Argerbright, President

Attest:

  
Michael Schrader, Secretary