

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 24, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

LEGAL COUNSEL

Andy Boxberger

STAFF

Jon Myers
Jennifer Shinabery
Jana Schinbeckler
Sierra Lehman
Nathan Bilger

GUESTS

Lana Beregszazi – BCS Management
Steve Western
Scott Wagner – Whitley County Health Department
Mike Cook – Columbia City Wastewater Department

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 July 10, 2018 regular meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented; Mr. Kessler seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote, with Mr. Schrader abstaining.

SDI-COLUMBIA CITY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE:

Attorney Boxberger presented the final Interlocal Agreement for approval. Mr. Schrumpf made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Columbia City and the Whitley County Redevelopment Commission; Mr. Kessler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beregszazi reviewed her project status report, mentioning that the lift station pre bid conference would be today at 10 am. She also reviewed the status of the easement agreements, land acquisition, and CenturyLink cooperation. Attorney Boxberger reviewed the status of the Definitive Agreement with SDI.

WEST US-30 CORRIDOR TIF:

Mr. Myers discussed the possibility of a new TIF area in the vicinity of Larwill. There was discussion on the process of establishing a new TIF area, along with potential concerns. Following discussion, the Commission agreed Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Argerbright would work together with Mr. Myers more on this possible development.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mr. Bilger mentioned that Ms. Lehman was working on an Economic Development Plan for South Whitley's new TIF area. Their Commission is on track to implement the district by year-end.

Attorney Boxberger explained that in the resolution to approve executing the lease for the Rail Connect spec building project, Mr. Argerbright was referred to as 'Chairman' and the correct title is 'President'. Mr. Schrader made a motion to give Attorney Boxberger the authority to make this change to the document; Mr. Kessler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Boxberger gave a status update on the WCCS agreement, stating that he was waiting on the escrow agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS:

Claims were reviewed and consisted of: NEREMC for \$497.71, BCS for \$10,496.50, Donohue & Associates for \$1,921.67 and \$74,559.00, Regions Bank for \$47,000, Commission Member Stipends for \$300.00 and \$350.00, and Whitley County EDC for \$6,250.00. Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the claims; Mr. Schrader seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Whitley County Redevelopment Commission

Attest:


James Argerbright, President


Michael Schrader, Secretary