

**Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/14/17**

The meeting was held at 2:00PM at the Sylvan Cellars Event Center located at 2725 E. Northport Rd., Rome City, IN.

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**Attendance**

Brad Bishop, Andrew Briggs, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner

**Staff**

Andy Boxberger, Michael Galbraith, Jaclyn Goldsborough, Amy Hesting, John Sampson

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall welcomed everyone to the Northeast Indiana RDA Development Board meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2017 board meeting. **Jeff Turner motioned, Gene Donaghy seconded and the January 17, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Claims**

Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall requested a motion to approve the invoices for Carson Boxberger and Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership expenses. **Andrew Briggs motioned, Brad Bishop seconded and the claims were unanimously approved.**

**Road to One Million Projects—Pending**

Mike Galbraith

Manchester Early Learning Center— The project submitted a request for Disbursement of Project Funds. Project documents and site review confirmed that the project has completed all of the requirements of the Sub-Recipient Agreement. **Jeff Turner motioned to disburse funds, Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

The Landing Redevelopment—**Jeff Turner motioned to execute and approve the NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGIONAL CITIES INITIATIVE ALLOCATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) by and among the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (“RDA”), The Model Group, Inc. and the Fort Wayne Downtown Development Trust, Inc. conditionally approving an award of \$ 6,904,023.00, subject to reductions in the award under the Agreement, and subject to the satisfaction of the other terms of the Agreement within 60 days from its mutual execution; and authorized Bob Marshall to sign the Agreement on behalf of the RDA. Gene Donaghy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

The Clyde Theatre Renovation Project—**Jeff Turner motioned to approve an award of \$1,000,000 to Even Keel Holdings, LLC and the Clyde Theatre Renovation Project, subject to the recipient receiving a loan of \$1,000,000 from Fort Wayne Legacy Funds within 90 days of today’s date and the execution of a Subrecipient Agreement. Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Presentation: Riverfront Park Fort Wayne, Phase 1**

Al Moll & Karl Bandemer

Al Moll & Karl Bandemer provided an overview of the Riverfront Park Fort Wayne, Phase 1 project. The total cost of the project is \$26,381,000. Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department is requesting \$5,276,000 (20%) in RCI funds. **Jeff Turner made a motion to take the project under advisement, Andrew Briggs seconded and the Riverfront Park Fort Wayne, Phase 1 project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Eagles Theatre Project**

Tod Minnich, Cathy Gatchel & Parker Beauchamp

Todd Minnich, Cathy Gatchel & Parker Beauchamp provided an overview of the Eagles Theatre Project. The total cost of the project is \$4,982,838. The Honeywell Foundation is requesting \$996,567 (20%) in RCI funds. **Jeff Turner made a**

**motion to take the project under advisement, Gene Donaghy seconded and the Eagles Theatre Project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Wabash Trails**

Amy Ford & Dawn Kroh

Amy Ford & Dawn Kroh provided an overview of the Wabash Trails project. The total cost of the project is \$4,801,180. Wabash River Trail, Inc. is requesting \$960,236 (20%) in RCI funds. **Andrew Briggs made a motion to take the project under advisement, Brad Bishop seconded and the Wabash Trails project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Russel & Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Facility**

Mayor Ryan Daniel, Mark Green & Tad Varga

Mayor Ryan Daniel, Mark Green & Tad Varga provided an overview of the Russel & Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Facility. The total cost of the project is \$4,258,751. The City of Columbia City is requesting \$861,304 (20%) in RCI funds. **Jeff Turner made a motion to take the project under advisement, Brad Bishop seconded and the Russel & Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Facility project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail Project**

Mayor Patricia Fisel, Jonathon Moen, Jason Becker,  
Bryan Shearer & Candice Holdbrook

Mayor Patricia Fisel, Jonathon Moen, Jason Becker, Bryan Shearer & Candice Holdbrook provided an overview of the Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail Project. The total cost of the project is \$1,270,175. The City of Ligonier is requesting \$254,000 (20%) in RCI funds. **Bob Marshall made a motion to take the project under advisement, Jeff Turner seconded and the Strawberry Valley Cultural Trail Project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center**

Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe & Thomas Jansen

Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe & Thomas Jansen provided an overview of the Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center project. The total cost of the project is \$2,388,132. Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$400,000 (17%) in RCI funds. Bob Marshall recused himself from the vote due to his ties to the project. **Jeff Turner made a motion to take the project under advisement, Brad Bishop seconded and the Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Center project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**Presentation: Fishing Line Trail**

Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe & Thomas Jansen

Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe & Thomas Jansen provided an overview of the Fishing Line Trail project. The total cost of the project is \$1,023,673. Noble Trails, Inc. is requesting \$175,000 (17%) in RCI funds. Bob Marshall recused himself from the vote due to his ties to the project. **Andrew Briggs made a motion to take the project under advisement, Brad Bishop seconded and the Fishing Line Trail project was unanimously approved to be taken under advisement.**

**RCI Fund Deposits**

Michael Galbraith

No action needed.

**2017 NEI RDA Operating Budget**

Michael Galbraith

No changes to the proposed NEI RDA operating budget at this time. No action needed.

**New Business**

Bob Marshall

The Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority has now awarded, has pending or has heard presentations that would exhaust the \$42,000,000 awarded to the RDA for the IEDC's Regional Cities Initiative. **Jeff Turner motioned that the RDA no longer accept applications for RDA Funds until the current pipeline is vetted and it can be determined if funds are available for additional projects. Andrew Briggs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Adjournment**

Bob Marshall

With no further business to discuss, Bob Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Gene Donaghy motioned, Brad Bishop seconded and the meeting was adjourned.**

Submitted: Brad Bishop, Secretary