

**Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 22, 2015 – 10:00 AM (EST)**

The December 22, 2015 meeting of the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) was held at the Lerner Theater, in the Cattadine Room, 410 South Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46516. John Affleck-Graves called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and it was noted there was a quorum present.

RDA Board Members Present:       John Affleck-Graves, University of Notre Dame  
  Regina Emberton, Michiana Partnership  
  John DeSalle, Hoosier Racing Tire Corp.  
  Pete McCown, Elkhart County Community Foundation

RDA Board Members Absent:       Dallas Bergl, INOVA Federal Credit Union

Others Present:                       Kevin Allen, South Bend Tribune  
  Paul Browne, University of Notre Dame  
  Pete Buttigieg, City of South Bend  
  Jerry Chavez, Marshall County Economic Development  
  Corporation  
  Scott Ford, City of South Bend  
  Therese Geise, Bradley Company  
  Erin Roznik, Michiana Area Council of Governments  
  Tim Sexton, University of Notre Dame  
  Stephen Studer, Krieg DeVault LLP  
  James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments  
  Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County Community Foundation

**Report of Secretary**

Turnwald confirmed that the required public notice was made for the meeting.

**Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Meeting**

There were no additions or corrections to the November 9, 2015 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCCOWN AND SECONDED BY  
EMBERTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER  
9, 2015. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Reports of Officers, Consultants and Staff**

**Treasurers Report:**

Emberton provided the Treasurer's Report on Bergl's behalf.

- Connect, Inc. received two payments; \$5,000.00 from Kem Krest and \$15,355.96 from Notre Dame. Notre Dame requested that after paying Big Idea the amount due in full, the remaining \$5,000.00 be allocated to Michiana Partnership. This would leave a balance of \$759.78 to be transferred to the RDA account at 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank.
- The Elkhart County Community Foundation made a \$50,000 donation to the RDA.

### **Transfer of funds to RDA Account Update:**

Affleck-Graves reported that MACOG is in the process of setting up the RDAs bank account with 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank. The account will be available for use by the RDA by January 1, 2016.

Struder informed the Board that 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank requires a Government Entity Depository Authorization Resolution be adopted by the RDA to allow an account to be established.

After a brief discussion, the Board concluded the bank account would require two signatures on checks. The MACOG signatories are; James Turnwald, Zachary Dripps and Shirly Czerna, and the RDA Board signatories are; Dallas Bergl and Regina Emberton. Checks will be issued on the recommendation of the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCCOWN AND SECONDED BY EMBERTON TO ADOPT THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO OPEN THE RDA BANK ACCOUNT AT 1<sup>ST</sup> SOURCE BANK. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Board agreed to open the account by depositing a \$500 check from MACOG and transfer the RDA funds from Connect, Inc. to 1<sup>st</sup> Source at the beginning of calendar year 2016. The \$500 will be returned to MACOG after the RDA funds transfer.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

### **Old Business**

#### **Status of Regional Cities Initiative:**

The State awarded the Northern Indiana RDA one of three grants, each for \$42 million, as part of the Regional Cities Initiative. There will be a kickoff meeting with Governor Pence following the RDA Board meeting.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) will begin contract discussions with each of the RDAs in the near future. The IEDC asked each of the regions to designate a point of contact for contract discussions. Emberton volunteered to be the contact and to work with Struder during the initial phase. The Board concurred.

Emberton outlined items to begin forming an implementation process. Affleck-Graves recommended delaying activity until the legislative process for funding is complete. There are numerous items that need to be clarified.

### **Economic Development Framework for the Region:**

Affleck-Graves suggested forming a committee to develop a comprehensive plan to build economic strength in the region that will lead the RDA in its efforts beyond the regional cities process. He recommended McCown to lead the committee. The Board agreed. Several nominations for individuals to serve on the committee have been received.

Affleck-Graves advised appointing the committee in early January and proposed they focus on three items: 1) Situational analysis 2) Develop a set of opportunities and 3) Develop explicit strategies with results oriented initiatives. He suggested the committee complete their work by the end of June.

McCown suggested repeating a formal call for nominations for individuals to serve on an economic development comprehensive plan committee from the members of the existing steering committee. Nominations will be due January 6, 2016. Emberton will formalize the call.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EMBERTON AND SECONDED BY  
DESALLE TO APPOINT AFFLECK-GRAVES AND MCCOWN  
THE AUTHORITY TO SELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
PRIOR TO THE NEXT RDA BOARD MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR,  
THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **New Business**

A suggestion was made that the RDA Board acquire a Directors and Officers insurance policy. MACOG will explore this on the Boards behalf.

### **Other Items**

The next Northern Indiana RDA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 4:30 PM(EST). The location is to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

John Affleck-Graves adjourned the meeting.

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