

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 29, 2024
WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Theresa Baysinger	X		Nathan Bilger	Cami Hippenhammer
Frank Kessler		X	Tamela Tincher	Dale Buuck
Jon Myers	X		Brent Bockelman	Brad Allen
Michael Schrader	X		Tiffany Deakins	
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Andy Boxberger	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	
Dawn McDevitt				

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Wheeler read roll call. All members present and absent are listed above.

PROJECT FREEDOM—NIEDERMEYER FARM LEASE

Mr. Bilger discussed the finalizing of the formal yearly farm lease. Discussion was made regarding the dates and that this is an existing lease. Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the farm lease as proposed. Ms. Baysinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

BROADBAND STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Buuck discussed the progress made regarding the State process delays. He explained that they are to have a call with Surf Broadband soon. He discussed that the next steps are not clear yet and may be with Lakeland instead of Surf. Further discussion was made regarding the coverage of the two companies. He stated that funding requests are not determined at the time. Discussion was made about the school systems involvement in the process.

PROJECT UPDATES, AS NEEDED

Project Freedom—Mr. Bockelman discussed an upcoming meeting with a representative from the Indiana Barn Foundation to evaluate the condition and options of the existing barn on the property. Maintenance of the property was also discussed. It was determined to have the property mowed once before winter. Mr. Myers made a motion to get quotes on the mowing and have the lowest quote perform the service. Ms. Baysinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Buuck discussed the rezoning of the property and possibility of placing a sign on the property for advertising and awareness. Discussion was made regarding the existing sign leases on the property.

100 South paving project: Mr. Allen discussed an upcoming meeting with Northeast REMC to discuss their project and had no update on the paving project.

B. Schrader property: Mr. Buuck stated that there were no updates.

Rogers Market: Mr. Buuck stated that Mr. Rogers would like to attend a future meeting to provide updates with a site visit following that meeting.

Larwill: Mr. Myers discussed a study regarding the possibility of bringing water service to Larwill. Mr. Wheeler discussed a future visit to RedStar.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Discussion was made regarding the future development of the property located at Highway 30 and 300 east.

Mr. Bilger reminded the Commission of the open house for the new Detention Center.

Mr. Buuck discussed the Rail Connect property owned by Landmaster. He stated that with changes in their business, they are no longer planning to utilize one of the lots that they had purchased.

Mr. Bilger discussed future meetings being broadcast on YouTube.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

Payroll Voucher	\$1,500.00	<i>2nd Quarter</i>
Payroll Voucher	\$825.00	<i>3rd Quarter</i>
Whitley County EDC	\$10,000.00	<i>Services</i>
The Rogers Company	\$12,636.00	<i>November Lease</i>
API	\$50,000.00	<i>Final Payment</i>
Carson LLP	\$3,120.00	<i>Legal Service</i>
Drainage Department	\$2,730.79	<i>Design Software</i>

Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Previous minutes of October 1, 2024 were reviewed. Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Baysinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:36 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary