

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 14, 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	
Steve Carender				

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Schrader nominated Mr. Wheeler for President. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Myers. Mr. Wheeler was elected as President by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Myers nominated Mr. Kessler for Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Schrader. Mr. Kessler was elected as Vice President by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Myers nominated Mr. Schrader for Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Kessler. Mr. Schrader was elected as Secretary by a vote of 5-0.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Mr. Buuck discussed the project. He stated that Surf Broadband will be working to provide service to the underserved areas. Steve Carender, with Surf Internet, addressed the Commission. He provided details of the project and described how the State programs work. He discussed the areas of the county that Surf would focus on servicing. He stated that Surf would be working with other providers to serve areas in the Northwest and Southwest corners of the County. Discussion was made regarding the funding of the project, and ways to assist at a local level. Discussion was made about the cost and speed of service provided to the customers. Further discussion was made about the cost of service to the customers in the more remote areas of the County. Discussion was made regarding support from the school system. It was decided to write a letter of support from the RDC.

TREASURER UPDATE

Kay Gatton addressed the Commission and discussed the accounts that she managed for the RDC. Discussion was made regarding the possibility of investing some of the funds in accounts to earn higher interest. It was decided to consult with Baker Tilly to determine the proper way to implement any investment changes.

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Mr. Boxberger presented the proposed Legal Services Agreement between the RDC and Carson, LLP. Discussion was made regarding the terms of the agreement. Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler. The motion carried by a vote 5-0.

PROJECT UPDATES, AS NEEDED

Project Freedom—Discussion was made regarding the farm lease and the billboard leases. Additional conversation was made regarding posting a sign and moving forward and listing the property. Mr. Myers made a motion to move forward with listing the property for sale. Mr. Schrader seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

100 South paving project: No update

B. Schrader property: No update

US. 30 & 300 East: No update

Rogers Market: No update

Larwill: Discussion was made regarding properties in larwill

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Bilger discussed Highway 30/ Propel study phase 3 being released. He explained the Highway 30 project and the types of proposed intersections and interchanges. He reminded the Commission of their input in decisions regarding what the eastern portion of Lincolnway will look like in the future. Larwill was also discussed.

Discussion was made regarding the next business visit.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

Member Bonds	\$500	<i>Hilb Group</i>
Rogers Lease	\$12636.00	<i>Property</i>

Ms. Baysinger made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Mr. Schrader seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The previous meeting minutes For December 23, 2024, were reviewed. Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Baysinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:37 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary