

MINUTES

**ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING – 3rd Quarter / 2019
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, at 3:00 P.M. – DELAWARE COUNTY
Innovation Connector – 1208 W White River Blvd - Muncie**

Present: Randy Dunnuck, Beth Grigsby, Stephen Zins, David Guevara, Casey Smith, Don Wimmer, Shane Middlesworth, Earnie Holtry, Kathy Bantz, Wayne Bailey, Jane Sickman, Will Hampton, Angie Moyer, Marta Moody, Brad Bookout, Bill Walters, Kenny Birk, Jeff Larrison, Tom Borchers and Rich Lee

1. **Welcome / Introductions:** Moody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the room.
2. **Roll Call:** Walters completed roll call with those present listed above.
3. **Approval of May 14th, 2018 minutes:** Borchers motioned to approve. Middlesworth seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurers Report through July, 2019:** Middlesworth gave the Treasurer's report by reviewing the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss Sheet. Middlesworth explained profit & loss does not match due to the taxes being paid quarterly. Walters mentioned a USDA reimbursement that was not listed. Dunnuck motioned to approve. Wimmer seconded. Motion carried.
5. **SME and Taft Law Firm Presentation:** Walters introduced presenters Beth Grigsby, Stephen Zins and Casey Smith from SME and David Guevara from Taft Law Firm.
6. **Board President Report:** Board President was absent.
7. **Executive Director Report:** Walters gave summary of Executive Director's Report.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **I-69 Steering Committee RFP:** Bookout and Walters share with the board that the RFP is in final draft version and they both thanked the I-69 Steering Committee for their assistance.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a. **USDA BEST grant update:** Walters gave summary of the various locations that Ted Baker has been holding meetings and shared the success story of Frosty's Ice Cream Store in Montpelier.
 - b. **Washington DC Fly-In 2019:** Bookout gave highlights of the recent D.C. trip. He explained the trip was successful and the group had excellent meetings with Senator Mike

Braun, Senator Todd Young, Representative Susan Brooks staff, Representative Greg Pence staff, U.S. Dept of Transportation Office, U.S. EPA Office, U.S. Department of Justice Office and the Economic Development Administration Office.

c. Purdue Intern: Bookout and Walters shared with the committee that they were very impressed with their Purdue intern Tyler Walter and hope to work with him again next summer. Also, Purdue paid 100 % of his salary.

d. \$1.5m RDA Grant update: Bookout explained he is working on 2 requests for trail grant projects and explained funds are still remaining. He encouraged the committee to ask for assistance if needed and Bookout would submit a request to the RDA board.

e. Albany Pedestrian Bridge: Bookout explained he is working on a new project with the Town of Albany and United Consulting Engineering to pursue funds through USDA for a pedestrian bridge.

f. Selma Street Light grant denied: Bookout explained that the grant was denied due to lack of funding and will submit again next year.

10. Roundtable Discussion: Committee members had questions for SME & Taft Law Firm.

11. Adjournment: Dunnuck motioned to adjourn. Middlesworth seconded. Motion carried.

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Marta J. Vice Pres.
11/19/2019