

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bolser, Frame, Golden, Leisure, Parker, Salazar, Turner, Warner, Yaeger, Zaleski

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Templin

STAFF PRESENT: Shaffer, Doty, Mitchell, Geres

GUESTS PRESENT: Antrim, Kevin – Elevator Equipment
Dunlap, Nick – Citizen
Oler, Ron – Richmond Common Council
Sowers, George – EDC Attorney
Thurlow, Kim – Ivy Tech Community College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Robert Warner called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:06 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 in the EDC board room.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warner stated the minutes from the March 4th, 2019 board meeting were on pages 2-4 of the board packet. *Motion by Parker, second by Salazar to approve the March 4th, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2019 Financial Report

Templin provided the treasury report. He reported on being under budget \$15,429.09 MTD and under budget \$23,658.21 YTD. *Motion by Yaeger, second by Parker to approve the March 2019 financials as presented. Motion carried.*

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee** – Warner reported the executive committee met and discussed the EDIT application on the agenda, received updates on WWRSD, Elder-Beerman building, and the annual meeting.
- B. Industrial Park Committee** – Mitchell reported the committee met and continues to discuss MIP Phase I planning, industrial park expansion, and WWRSD.

V. EDC STAFF REPORTS

Geres – Geres reported working on the annual meeting, the shovel ready site certification by OCRA, and attending the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce job fairs with Sarah Mitchell to promote Hoosier Opportunity.

Mitchell – Mitchell reported working on planning the job fairs with the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce's Business and Education Committee. She worked on the Touch-a-Truck series where she brought in various trucks utilized in several different industries for the students to see up close. She participated in a WorkKeys webinar, met with a rail service rep, attended the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership lunch, participated in the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Flipping Finance challenge, attended one BRE visit with Valerie, worked on the security and brochure with Alaina for the Elder-Beerman property.

Doty – Doty reported she started marketing the Home in Wayne website, met with the Hoosier Opportunity partnership about marketing on radio and billboards and a general plan for continued marketing.

Shaffer – Shaffer reported on an uptick in attraction projects and discussed BRE meetings resulting in projects. She reported on presenting to the Eastern Indiana Human Resource Association about the Certified Work Ready initiative, Next Level Jobs, the Indiana Department of Corrections employment program, and the wage and benefit survey. She reported on filming two segments with WCTV.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a. EDIT Grant Application #19-196

Mitchell reported on EDIT application #19-196 for Elevator Equipment. Kevin Antrim, Plant Manager, was also present to talk about the project. They have purchased a building adjacent to their current operations which will allow for growth. They are investing \$1M, creating 20 jobs with an average wage of \$15.45/hour and are requesting a \$15,875 EDIT grant. *Motion by Turner, second by Bolser to approve EDIT grant #19-196 as presented from the Consolidated EDIT Fund. Motion carried.*

b. Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Option Agreement

Shaffer reported on the possibility of entering into an option to purchase land for industrial park development. The option is for \$40,000 for 2 years. *Motion by Parker, second by Frammer to approve the authorization as presented. Motion carried.*

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Warner adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – Monday, May 13, 2019
at Reid Health – Lingle Hall at 11:30 am**