

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barrett, Clark, Elzemeyer, Frame, Green, Jackson, Russell, Upchurch, Warner, Witte

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cohen, Parker

STAFF PRESENT: Shaffer, Doty, Henry, Geres

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ahaus, Kevin	Dubbs, Darin	McCollough, John	Schultz, Austin
Allen, Michael	Gordon, Darrell	Meredith, John	Sheridan, Jeff
Alyea, Katie	Groth, Norene	Miller, Mike	Shuey, Mickey
Asher, Marci	Guiley, Brett	Murray, Rebecca	Sileo, Daniel
Atkins, Gunty	Gutzwiller, Harold	Oakerson, Trevor	Soukup, Mark
Barrett, Larry	Haist, Melody	Oler, Ron	Sowers, Jeremy
Bontrager, Ben	Harris, William	Oler Holthouse, Amy	Speessen, Jodie
Borgsdorf, Doug	Hays, Robert	Owens, Mike	Thomas, Mary Jo
Breeck, Jerry	Heiny, Pat	Passmore, John	Thurlow, Kim
Brown, Bill	Jeffers, Jeff	Poinsett, Kimberly	Troutwine, Jason
Burns, Denny	Johnson, Sherrilyn	Quinn, Phil	Vance, William
Butters, Mary Anne	Kates, Gene	Raatz, Jeff	Vance, Melissa
Catey, Mike	Kenworthy, Mindy	Ray, Valerie	Wandersee, Dan
Clark, Kyle	Kleer, Garry	Richardson, Bruce	Weaver, Bob
Cruz-Uribe, Kathryn	Matney, Melissa	Scholer, Shaun	Zick, Steve
Drook, Will	Mays, Angie		

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Witte called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016, at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond, Indiana.

The meeting started off with Renee Doty asking everyone to wave as she took photographs and Phil Quinn, of OnVine Media, taped everyone for social media marketing.

Next, Paul Witte introduced the staff and board of directors.

2015 REVIEW

Past Chair Lee Elzemeyer reviewed 2015 including Shaffer's recognition of being selected as one of the top 50 economic developers in the nation, the frugality of the staff over the year, the work done towards becoming a Certified Work Ready Community, the 300+ new and retained jobs at an average wage of \$20/hour for the various projects the EDC partnered on last year, as well as the \$27M in private investment from these companies.

2016 OVERVIEW

Current Chair Paul Witte reviewed 2015 and 2016 to date and spoke on plans for the coming year. He spoke on welcoming Israeli company Omen Casting who plans to invest \$16M and create 100 new jobs by 2020; the work being done to secure Heartland Pet Food, formerly Project Dove; the new talent website for job seekers in the works; participation in the regional planning district EIRPC as requested of the strategic plan; the updated website; the creation of the Manager of Existing Business and Education and the work Henry has done; internal projects including the implementation of the proposal generator and Microsoft Dynamics CRM project management software; and he also recognized Shaffer's selection as one of the top 50 economic developers in the nation, noting the testament to the staff as well.

RECOGNITION OF PAST CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Witte presented Elzemeyer with a token of the EDC's appreciation for serving as board chair last year. Then both Witte and Elzemeyer presented Brett Guiley and John Meredith with tokens of the EDC's appreciation for their service on the board, both as outgoing board members. Bill Quigg, who was unable to attend the meeting, was also honored as an outgoing board member.

Lee Elzemeyer was appointed the EDC Board of Directors in 2012 by the Wayne County Commissioners. Lee was re-appointed for a second term in 2015. During his tenure on the board he has served on the Finance, Executive, and Marketing Committees, serving as treasurer of the board in 2013 and 2014, serving as chair of the board in 2015, and finally serving as immediate past chair in 2016.

Brett Guiley was appointed to the EDC board in 2010. He served two consecutive three-year terms representing Richmond Common Council. Brett was a member of the Marketing and Communication Committee during both terms and served as chair of that committee in 2013 and 2014. In 2015, Brett was elected secretary of the board and served on the Executive Committee.

John Meredith was appointed to the EDC by Wayne County Council. John served a three-year term beginning in 2013. He was a member of the Marketing and Communication Committee during his term on the board. John also enthusiastically hosted the EDC's annual staff retreats.

Bill Quigg served on the EDC board from 2014 to 2015 representing the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce. During his time on the board Bill was a member of the Industrial Park Committee.

COMPANY RECOGNITIONS

Valerie Shaffer recognized and presented an appreciation award to the following companies and their representatives and thanked them for their investment in Wayne County in 2015:

Ahaus Tool and Engineering, Inc. – Kevin Ahaus, President and Jeff Sheridan, Vice President

- Investment – \$676,750
- Jobs – 11
- EDIT Grant – \$22,000

Contract Industrial Tooling, Inc. – Mike Catey, Vice President

- Investment – \$325,000
- Jobs – 10
- EDIT Grant – \$12,000

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. – Sherrilyn Johnson, Plant Manager and William Vance, Operations Manager

- Investment – 556,000
- Jobs – 8

- EDIT Grant – \$10,000

Innmark Communications – Steve Zick, EVP Graphics Operations and John McCollough, EVP of Finance

- Investment – \$1,450,000
- Jobs – 33 new, 17 retained
- EDIT Grant – \$105,000

Noble Order Brewing Co. – Melody Haist, Owner/Operator and Mike Miller, Owner/Operator

- Investment – \$571,000
- Jobs – 10
- EDIT Grant - \$17,000

Osborn International – Will Drook, CI/Quality Manager

- Investment – \$1,867,000
- Jobs – 37
- EDIT Grant – \$105,000

Janesville Acoustics – Will Drook, CI/Quality Manager

- Investment – \$12,082,000
- Jobs – 87
- EDIT Grant – \$290,000

Perpetual Recycling Solutions, LLC – Larry Barrett, Controller and Bruce Richardson, HR Manager

- Investment – \$5,200,000
- Jobs – 76
- EDIT Grant – \$25,000

JM Hutton & Co., Inc. – Jeff Jeffers, President

- Investment – \$657,459
- Jobs – 5
- EDIT Grant – \$12,500

Suncall America, Inc. – No one from the company was able to attend the meeting.

- Investment – \$3,609,324
- Jobs – 11
- EDIT Grant – \$39,000

Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center – Darrell Gordon, President/CEO and Marci Asher, Director of Marketing and Special Events

- Investment – 186,521
- Jobs – 19.5
- EDIT Grant – \$19,000

Woodruff Corporation (a subsidiary of Primex Plastics Corporation) – Doug Borgsdorf, General Manager; Jodie Speessen, HR/Benefits Generalist of Primex Plastics Corporation; and Darin Dubbs, HR Director of Primex Plastics Corporation

- Investment – \$411,000
- Jobs – 6
- EDIT Grant – \$12,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Shaffer presented the Economic Development Partnership Award to Gunty “Map Wizard” Atkins. Shaffer explained the importance of maps in economic development and the site selection process, then went on to give accolades to Gunty. An employee of Wayne County for over 32 years, Gunty is very knowledgeable about Wayne County history, land use and zoning, and utilities. He is always very helpful and never

complains about our short deadlines and constant requests for revisions. Gunty is a Geographic Information Systems Professional and also a member of the EDC's Industrial Park committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Witte adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016
EDC Board Room, 500 S A Street, Suite 2, Richmond, IN 47374**