

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barrett, Clark, Cohen, Elzemeyer, Green, Guiley, Meredith, Upchurch, Warner, Witte

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jackson, Quigg

STAFF PRESENT: Shaffer, Doty, Henry, Geres

GUESTS PRESENT:

Alexander, Chris	Jeffers, Jeff	Ray, Valerie
Beeson, Christopher	Kates, Danny	Reynolds, Becky
Burns, Denny	Kates, Gene	Roubicek, Haley
Butters, Mary Anne	Kenworthy, Mindy	Row, Mike
Cortner, Chad	Kinyon, Craig	Saunders, Gary
Cross, Ron	Knight, Chris	Searcy, Brandon
Cruz-Uribe, Kathryn	Leisure, Beth	Sheeley, Rachel
Daggy, Bruce	Lingle, Paul	Soukup, Mark
Davis, Gerald	Matney, Melissa	Sowers, George
Delk, Debbie	Mays, Angie	Spears, Donna
Dubbs, Darin	McCurdy, Kevin	St. John, Acacia
Elder, Alan	Mitchell, Sarah	Swain, Michael
Foster, Tony	Murray, Becky	Teegarden, Garry
Fowler, Mick	Nocton, Sandy	Thomas, Mary Jo
Groth, Norene	Oakerson, Trevor	Thurlow, Kim
Hackman, Gary	Oler, Ron	Underwood, Scott
Hays, Robert	Pappin, Diana	Walker, Mary
Hollis, Misty	Parsons, Laurie	Walker, Raymond
Holthouse, Amy Oler	Paust, Kenneth	Wandersee, Daniel
Huffine, Jeff	Plasterer, Jeff	Young, Dave
Iglehart, Sarah	Poinsett, Kim	
Ingram, Kyle	Quinn, Phil	

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Elzemeyer called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:01 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015, at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond, Indiana.

2014 REVIEW

Past Chair Jim Cohen reviewed 2014 including continuing the Manufacturing Matters program with regional partners, working towards earning the ACT Certified Work Ready Community, joining the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership, implementing the Food Business Council, and highlighting the successes of the Sugar Creek and Wolverine Worldwide projects.

2015 OVERVIEW

Current Chair Lee Elzemeyer reviewed 2015 to date and spoke on plans for the coming year. He reported on the Osborn headquarter relocation announcement and the creation of 34 jobs, the Janesville Acoustic relocation and the creation of 87 jobs, and the Sugar Creek job fair with plans to hire 400 by 2016. He reported on Hagerstown High School's Workkeys testing. He reported on the hiring of Joe Henry as the Manager of Existing Business & Education who will serve as a liaison between the business and education community and work to define any gaps in the skill levels of the workforce. He reported attaining a 42% goal towards the Certified Work Ready Community designation and stressed the need for more testing and more partners. He also highlighted on the work the Industrial Park committee is completing to add inventory to our existing buildings and sites to remain competitive.

RECOGNITION OF PAST CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Elzemeyer presented Jim Cohen and Gary Hackman with a token of the EDC's appreciation for their service on the EDC Board; Jim as past chair and Gary as an outgoing board member.

Jim Cohen was appointed to the EDC Board of Directors in 2011 by the Cambridge City Town Council. Jim was re-appointed for a second term in 2014. During his tenure on the board he has served on the Finance, Executive, and Industrial Park Committees, chairing the Industrial Park committee in 2013, serving as secretary of the board in 2012, serving as vice chair of the board in 2013, and finally serving as chair of the board in 2014.

Gary Hackman was appointed to the EDC Board of Directors in 2006 by Richmond Mayor Sally Hutton as a replacement for a previous appointee. Gary served the remainder of that term and was reappointed by Mayor Hutton for two more consecutive three-year terms. During his tenure on the board, Gary served as secretary of the board in 2008 and 2009, served as vice chair in 2010, served as chair in 2011 and past chair the following year. He also served on the Industrial Park committee in 2013 and 2014.

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 2014:

Berry Plastics – Garry Teeguarden, Plant Manager

Dot Transportation, Inc. – Becky Reynolds, Indiana Assistant Transportation Manager

Johns Manville – Dave Young, Plant Manager

Mainstreet Richmond, LLC – Chris Alexander, Director of Development

Primex Plastics Corporation – Darin Dubbs, Director of Human Resources

Vandor Corporation – Gerald Davis, President and Alan Elder, Chairman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Shaffer presented the Economic Development Partnership Award to Mike Row – President/CEO of ASG, Acacia St. John – Associate Director of Performance and Communications of ASG, and Robert Hays – Manager of Wayne County – Richmond's WorkOne Center for being a partner in strengthening Eastern Indiana's workforce through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and being a partner in Manufacturing Matters and the Certified Work Ready Community designation, as well as participating in site visits.

GUEST SPEAKER

Raymond Walker, president of The Walker Companies spoke on the site selection process and his involvement in the Wolverine Worldwide project. He spoke on the history of the Dana building and

presented slides of before and after photos of the transformation. He gave factors why Wayne County was selected as Wolverine Worldwide's expansion location including attractive operating costs, attractive incentives, cost-effective workforce, aligned leadership, willingness of those involved to listen and be flexible, and the candidness and forthrightness of the leadership involved, including Shaffer who he stated was the key player in keeping the project moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Elzemeyer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015
EDC Board Room, 500 S A Street, Suite 2, Richmond, IN 47374**