



Regional Development Authority Board Meeting Minutes

The September 13, 2018 meeting of the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) was held in the Board Room at INOVA Federal Credit Union, 358 S Elkhart Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516. Ms. Pruitt, Chair, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and it was noted there was a quorum present.

RDA Board Members Present: Kristin Pruitt, Lakeland Financial
John Affleck-Graves, University of Notre Dame
John DeSalle, Hoosier Tire Corp.
Pete McCown, Community Foundation of Elkhart County
Dallas Bergl, INOVA Federal Credit Union

Others Present: Regina Emberton, South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership
Sarah Niespodziany, South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership
Stephen Studer, Krieg DeVault LLP
Debbie Gardner, MACOG
Jeff Rea, South Bend Regional Chamber

Report of Secretary

Ms. Emberton confirmed that the required [public notice](#) was made for the meeting.

Minutes of the July 26, 2018 Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the [July 26, 2018 minutes](#). Mr. Bergl abstained from the vote because he was not in attendance at the July 26, 2018 meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2018 AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES AND ONE ABSTENTION.

Reports of Officers, Consultants and Staff

Regional Cities 2.0

Mr. Rea presented the Indiana Metro Chambers Economic Development 2.0 [Presentation](#) to the board members and there was a brief discussion.

Treasurer's Report [View Treasurer's Report](#)

Mr. Bergl reviewed the current financial status of the RDA and presented the [YTD August 31, 2018 Financial Statements](#), as well as an accounting of the [payments recommended](#) for ratification and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RATIFY ALL INVOICES APPROVED AND PAID BY THE TREASURER OR PENDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF THE BOARD AND TO APPROVE THE YEAR TO DATE AUGUST 31, 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrative Report

Ms. Emberton presented a [Proposed 2019 Meeting Schedule](#) for the RDA and the five different committees. The board agreed that the group should continue to meet bi-monthly and asked the staff to finalize a schedule based on member availability.

Ms. Emberton and Mr. Bergl will work on the 2019 budget and submit it to the board prior to the next meeting in November for review. There was a brief discussion around the RCNI project interest accumulating. Ms. Emberton informed the board that the interest in each project account is only moved to the “Project Interest Account” when the project is completed.

Reports of Committees and Partners

Regional Partnership (REDS)

TEconomy Report

Ms. Emberton and Dr. McCown reported on the progress of the TEconomy Report, Lilly Grant Proposal, and operations of the South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership (SBERP) and its committees [View Full SBERP Report](#).

Dr. McCown provided an overview of the critical strategies detailed in the Lilly Proposal which include: 1) Fostering the infusion of advanced innovation processes, products, and techniques into the region’s advanced manufacturing industries, 2) Catalyzing the entrepreneurial ecosystem to diversify the economy and drive future economic growth, and 3) Developing, retaining, and attracting the talent that the region’s existing and emerging industries demand.

Startup Board

The board discussed the role of the RDA and of the Startup Board under the authority of the RDA. Ms. Emberton informed the board that she has a call scheduled with Elevate Ventures to discuss transferring the role to the South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership. The board agreed and is in support of moving forward with the transition.

Ms. Emberton reported on the activities of the Startup Board including their recommendation to appoint a new committee member, as reflected on the [Redlined Exhibit to the Charter Agreement](#).

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPOINT ALEX LIGGINS SEJDINAJ AS A MEMBER SERVING IN AN AT-LARGE POSITION AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

Regional Cities Initiative

Ms. Emberton updated the board and provided a [Status Report on RCI projects](#) noting that all 26 of the Regional Cities projects have been approved or conditionally approved by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Ms. Emberton presented the [Regional Cities Initiative Project Distribution Schedules](#) to the board for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RATIFY ALL FOUR PROJECT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULES AS PRESENTED AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Future RDA Board Meetings:

Nov 8 Studebaker Building 113, South Bend 3:00-4:30pm

Adjournment

Upon motion made, Ms. Pruitt adjourned the meeting.

Links to Exhibit Documents

- A. [Public Meeting Notice](#)
- B. [July 26, 2018 Minutes](#)
- C. [Regional Cities 2.0 Presentation](#)
- D. [Full Treasurer's Report](#)
- E. [YTD August 31, 2018 Financial Statements](#)
- F. [Claims Submitted for Board Approval](#)
- G. [SBERP Report](#)
- H. [Startup Committee - Redlined Exhibit to the Charter Agreement](#)
- I. [Status Report and Update on Regional Cities Projects](#)
- J. [Regional Cities Initiative Project Distribution Schedules](#)