Regional Development Authority Board Meeting Minutes

The February 21, 2024, meeting of the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) was held at South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership, 635 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601. Mr. John DeSalle, Chair, called the public meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

RDA Board Members Present: Dallas Bergl, INOVA Federal Credit Union
                             John DeSalle, University of Notre Dame
                             Tim Sexton, University of Notre Dame

RDA Board Members Absent: Pete McCown, Community Foundation of Elkhart County
                          Kristin Pruitt, Lake City Bank

Others Present: Lori Flotow, South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership
               Debbie Gardner, MACOG
               Bethany Hartley, South Bend - Elkhart Regional Partnership
               Taryn MacFarlane, South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership
               Stephen A. Studer, Krieg DeVault LLP
               Alayna Wort, South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership

Report of Secretary
Ms. Taryn MacFarlane confirmed that the required public notice was made for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes
There were no additions or corrections to the January 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17, 2024 MEETING, AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports of Officers, Consultants and Staff
Treasurer's Report
In Ms. Kristin Pruitt’s absence, Ms. Debbie Gardner presented the Treasurer’s Report, which included the year-to-date January 31, 2024 Financial Statements, as well as an accounting of payments recommended for ratification and approval.
A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE **YTD JANUARY 31, 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** AS PRESENTED, AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2024 Contract with Regional Partnership**
Ms. Hartley presented the **2024 contract with Regional Partnership** for administration support of the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE **2024 CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP** AS PRESENTED, AND AFTER BEING DULY SECONDED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Reports of Committees and Partners**
**Regional Partnership**
Ms. Hartley provided updates from the Regional Partnership. View Full SBE Regional Partnership Report.

**Old Business**
**READI 1.0 Update**
Ms. MacFarlane presented **READI 1.0 updates**, noting the following additional information:

- One capital project is fully disbursed- the Potawatomi Zoo.
- The Zoo's grand opening for its READI 1.0 funded project is scheduled for March 28, 2024.
- Tolson Center has completed construction and is open, so should be considered a finished project even though not all READI funds have been disbursed.
- A press release will go out this month recognizing its completion.
- Ms. MacFarlane and Ms. Wort will be attending the next IEDC hosted READI forum on February 27, 2024.
- GLC and City of South Bend will be updating the RDA at its next meeting in March on the Madison Lifestyle District project.

**READI 2.0 Update**
Ms. Hartley presented READI 2.0 updates. Highlights included:

- READI 2.0 application was submitted on February 16, 2024. Ms. Hartley shared the **executive summary** portion of the proposal with the board.
- READI 2.0 award announcement scheduled for April 11, 2024.
New Business
There were no new business items to discuss.

Other Items/Upcoming Dates

Meeting Schedule
The next meeting will be held March 20, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:00 pm EST at South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership, 635 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601.

Any updates to meeting information will be posted on the South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership website:  https://southbendelkhart.org/regional-development-authority/northern-indiana-regional-development-authority-2024-public-meeting-notice/

Adjournment
Upon a motion made, the Chair adjourned the public meeting.