

River Hills EDD & RPC

Full Commission Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the River Hills Full Commission Board was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-Chairman Michael Killen.

Those members present were as follows:

Kevin Vissing, Clark County Council
Perry Smith, Clark County Commissioners (Kevin Vissing Proxy)
Michael Killen, Clark County Surveyor
Heather Peters, Town of Greenville
Chris Welch, Floyd County Commissioners
Brian Smith, Floyd County Commissioners
Shawn Carruthers, Floyd County Commissioners
Jason Applegate, Floyd County Commissioners
Roger 'Buck' McGraw, Town of Corydon (Betsy Blocker Proxy)
Michelle Fox, Town of Elizabeth
Elizabeth 'Betsy' Blocker, Town of Lanesville
Donnie Hussung, Harrison County Council
Mayor William Graham, City of Scottsburg
Robert Peacock, Scott County Council
Steve Meyer, Scott County Commissioners
Raymond Jones, Scott County Commissioners (Mayor Graham Proxy)
Jen Robbins, Scott County Commissioners
Justin Green, City of Salem
Preston Shell, Washington County Commissioners (Justin Green Proxy)

Those members absent were:

Eric Vaughn, City of Charlestown
Ruth Sparks, Town of Borden
Dylan Fisher, Town of Clarksville
Bill Conlin, Town of Sellersburg
Martha Whetsell, Town of Utica
Adam Dickey, City of New Albany
Adam Roberts, Floyd County Council
Kathy Haller, Town of Georgetown
Don Lopp, Floyd County Surveyor
Christall Ingle, Town of Palmyra
Jim Heitkemper, Harrison County Commissioners
Robert Peacock, Scott County Council
Dolly Bricker, Town of New Pekin
Gerald Fleming, Washington County Council

Also present:

River Hill's staff: Jill Saegesser, Nick Creevy, and Lori Goodale
Jill Oca, CPA
Amy Burnette, River Hills Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes

Michael Killen asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2019 Full Commission Board Meeting Minutes. Chris Welch made the motion to approve and Betsy Blocker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of Expenditures

Adam Dickey asked for a motion to approve the March and April 2019 expenditures, the March expenditures were sent with the meeting notice, and the April expenditures were handed out at the meeting. Chris Welch made the motion to approve, Jason Applegate seconded. The motion was approved.

Jill Oca then distributed the updated 2019 revenue projections and discussed with those in attendance. Michael Killen asked for a motion to approve Jill Oca's financial report, Chris Welch made the motion, and Jason Applegate seconded and the motion was approved.

Ratification of Actions Taken by the Executive Board

Michael Killen asked for a motion to ratify all actions taken by the Executive Board since the February Full Commission meeting. Chris Welch made the motion, and Jason Applegate seconded, the motion was approved.

Other Business

Michael Killen asked the board to consider Resolution 2019-01 which gives the Executive Director the ability to approve certain agreements, contracts, and expenditures. Kevin Vissing made the motion, and Chris Welch seconded, and the motion passed.

Executive Director Report

Community Crossings

Jill Saegesser informed the board that the next round of Community Crossings will begin on August 6th and will be due by September 28th. INDOT has not yet released additional information regarding changes to the application process or eligible activities. Jill mentioned that if communities participated in the first round of Community Crossings (2016) they may have to update their Asset Management Plan, as that is to be updated every two (2) years.

Cities, towns and counties with a population fewer than 10,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match. Cities, towns and counties with a population over 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.

USDOT BUILD

Jill told the board that one of the attachments that were distributed with the meeting notice included information regarding the BUILD Transportation grant program. This replaces the TIGER program. There are three informational webinars, starting on May 24th from 2-4pm ET. This one is for all applicants. A special webinar will be held for Rural and Tribal Applicants on May 29th from 2-4pm ET. Finally, the last webinar will discuss the Preparation of a Benefit Cost Analysis, which is required as part of the application.

\$1.5 Billion has been allocated. The maximum award is \$25 million – with no more than \$150 million to be awarded within a single state. The minimum project cost for urban areas is \$5 million (\$6.5 total to include match) and the minimum for projects in rural areas is \$1 million.

OCRA Liaison

Jill Saegesser let the board know that Jennifer Voris is the new OCRA Community Liaison for the Southeast area, which includes Clark, Floyd, Washington and Scott Counties. Jennifer serves us from her home office in Nashville. River Hills met with Jennifer earlier this week to discuss projects within the area. Lori Daniel continues to serve Harrison County out of her home office in Evansville.

Transportation Talk – INDOT Open Houses

Jill let the board know that the dates and times for the 2018 INDOT Open Houses were included in their board packet. The closest one to River Hills will be held at Columbus East High School on Wednesday, June 20th from 5pm-7pm.

OCRA Strategic Plan for Rural Indiana

Jill informed the board that the Lt. Governor and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) released their long-awaited strategic plan this morning in Greensburg, Indiana. There are five (5) elements within the Strategic Framework:

1. Provide opportunities and programs focused on our people and place-based investments
2. Expand OCRA's role as a Center of Excellence
3. Build capacity of rural leadership
4. Support economic growth and preservation in downtown and commercial districts
5. Facilitate strategies to address rural broadband access
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Highlights - Design a second-story housing competition for Main Street communities; Partner with applicable stakeholders on water infrastructure issues

OCRA Program Changes

Jill let the board know that OCRA is beginning to look at the CDBG Planning program to upgrade the technical requirements and provide a more streamlined approval process, both during the application stage and the final plan stage. The review of the technical requirements should begin this summer. Other changes to the planning grant application stage will begin AFTER the consolidated plan is approved.

Bonus Point Policy

OCRA's policy encourages and supports regional collaboration amongst rural communities. Beginning with Round 2 of 2018, a project that is included in a regional plan will be awarded 25 bonus points. To receive these bonus points, verification of the regional plan from the CDBG Program Director is required. The plan will need to be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the application submission.

NADO Board Elections

Jill informed the board that she has the privilege of being reelected to be the Indiana representative on the NADO Board for an additional two (2) years. The NADO summer board meeting will be held on June 2nd-4th in La Jolla, California. The bulk of the meeting will focus on a strategic planning process for the organization.

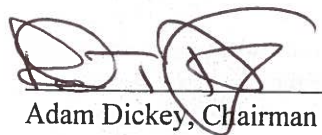
The NADO Annual Training Conference will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina in October.

Staff Reports

The staff reports were given in handout form.

Adjournment

Michael Killen announced the date and time of the next meetings. He then asked if there was any other business to come before the board. With no other business, Michael Killen asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Welch made the motion. Betsy Blocker seconded it. The motion carried.



Adam Dickey, Chairman



Steve Meyer, Secretary