

**River Hills EDD & RPC
Special Full Commission Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2017**

Call to Order

The special meeting of the River Hills Full Commission Board was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-Chairman Adam Dickey.

Those members present were as follows:

Adam Dickey, City of New Albany
Brian Smith, Floyd County Commissioners
Cam Wright, Floyd County Council
Dolly Bricker, Town of Pekin
Elizabeth 'Betsy' Blocker, Town of Lanesville
Gerald Fleming, Washington County Council (proxy Preston Shell)
Hugh P. Burns, Town of Elizabeth (proxy Michelle Fox)
Kevin Vissing, Clark County Council
Martha Whetsell, Town of Utica
Martina Webster, Town of Sellersburg
Mayor William Graham, City of Scottsburg
Michael Killen, Clark County Surveyor (proxy Perry Smith)
Perry Smith, Clark County Commissioners
Preston Shell, Washington County Commissioners
Raymond Jones, Scott County Commissioners
Robert Peacock, Scott County Council
Roger 'Buck' McGraw, Town of Corydon
Wally Terkhorn, City of Salem

Those members absent were:

Tony Jackson, City of Charlestown
Delynn Rutherford, City of Jeffersonville
Ruth Sparks, Town of Borden
Dylan Fisher, Town of Clarksville
Chris Welch, Floyd County Commissioners
Andy Lemon, Town of Greenville
Brenton M. Fender, Town of Georgetown
Billy Stewart, Floyd County Commissioners
Don Lopp, Floyd County Surveyor
Scott Fluhr, Harrison County Commissioners
Mike Shireman, Town of Palmyra
Sam Day, Harrison County Council
Chuck Sebastian, Scott County Commissioners
Steve Meyer, Scott County Commissioners

Also present:

River Hill's staff: Jill Saegesser, Nick Creevy, and Lori Goodale

Approval of Minutes

Adam Dickey asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2017 Full Commission Board Meeting Minutes, which were sent with the meeting notice. Perry Smith made the motion to approve, Preston Shell seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures

There were no expenditures presented for approval at this meeting.

Ratification of Actions Taken by the Executive Board

There were no actions taken by the Executive Board since the May 25, 2017 Full Commission Board Meeting.

Other Business

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has discussed a revision to the policy that was adopted in November of 2016 regarding the fee structure for membership to River Hills. The purpose of that policy was to ensure that River Hills could operate without using grant administration fees to subsidize basic services.

The original proposal requested contributions from Cities and Towns, in addition to the Counties. The contributions would provide the following services:

Tier I – Basic Services

- Attend Council/Commission meetings to discuss needs/potential projects
- Provide basic information regarding funding ability, requirements, general technical assistance
- Provide inclusion of specific needs in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

REVISED Policy

The revision to the policy would eliminate the contributions from Cities and Towns and would instead put a fee schedule in place for services provided. These fees range from flat fees for services to hourly rates. The draft schedule of fees is attached.

The hourly rates would be set as follows:

- \$100 per hour for the Community Development Specialist
- \$100 per hour for the Charitable Financial Specialist
- \$150 per hour for the Executive Director

The hourly rates will be reviewed at least annually.

Anticipate two (2) types of contracts:

1. On-call contract with communities, if desired, to provide services at an hourly rate that may be renewed annually
2. Project specific contract for project development with an hourly rate and minimum fee

Adam Dickey asked for a motion to approve the revised fee schedule. Robert Peacock made the motion, Preston Shell seconded it, and the motion passed.

Executive Director Report

Adam Dickey asked Jill Saegesser to give her Executive Director's report.

NADO Board Meeting Report

Attended the NADO Summer Board Meeting in Charleston, SC this past weekend/week. We discussed NADO staff and the Executive Committee’s “fly-in” meetings in Washington DC with the existing staff members of various agencies. The NADO officer from the Midwest Region, Misty Casto, provided us with “take-aways” from those meetings that she provided to her board. These are included in your packets.

There are a number of things that we heard at the Board meeting and in the report from the “fly-ins”, here is my summary:

1. Many experienced staffers of Congress and the Federal Agencies cannot give direction regarding programs because many of the under secretary appointments have not yet been made;
2. It seems that federal agencies may change, not necessarily through the slashing budget cuts proposed by the President, but through re-organization orders. This could happen over the next 18 to 24 months. The re-organization has started with USDA.

Annual Dinner

Guest Speaker – The Annual Dinner is scheduled for August 24th. Thank you to those that reached out to Congressman Trey Hollingsworth to invite him to speak. His staff was unable to fit our dinner into the Congressman’s schedule. Any suggestions and assistance in securing a speaker would be greatly appreciated.

Sponsorships – Your packet includes information related to Dinner Sponsorships. Assistance is needed in securing additional sponsors for the dinner. If each board member could secure one new sponsorship, the cost of the dinner would be more than covered and River Hills could have more revenue to use for marketing.

OCRA Listening Sessions

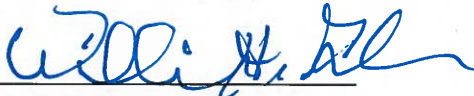
Included in your packet is a listing of OCRA’s regional listening sessions. The one in our area is on August 1st at Ivy Tech in Sellersburg from 5-7pm. The new Executive Director, Jodi Golden will be attending these listening sessions, along with other OCRA staff.

Staff Reports

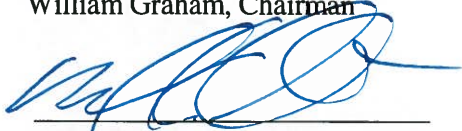
The staff reports were given in handout form.

Adjournment

Adam Dickey 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, Adam Dickey asked for a motion to adjourn. Robert Peacock made the motion, Perry Smith seconded it. The motion carried.



William Graham, Chairman



Michael Killen, Secretary

