

**River Hills EDD & RPC
Full Commission Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2017**

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the River Hills Full Commission Board was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman William Graham.

Those members present were as follows:

Tony Jackson, City of Charlestown
Martina Webster, Town of Sellersburg
Kevin Vissing, Clark County Council
Adam Dickey, City of New Albany
Andy Lemon, Town of Greenville
Cam Wright, Floyd County Council
Chris Welch, Floyd County Commissioners (proxy Brian Smith)
Brian Smith, Floyd County Commissioners
Elizabeth 'Betsy' Blocker, Town of Lanesville
Mike Shireman, Town of Palmyra
Scott Fluhr, Harrison County Commissioners
Mayor William Graham, City of Scottsburg
Robert Peacock, Scott County Council
Steve Meyer, Scott County Commissioners
Raymond Jones, Scott County Commissioners
Dolly Bricker, Town of Pekin
Gerald Fleming, Washington County Council

Those members absent were:

Delynn Rutherford, City of Jeffersonville
Ruth Sparks, Town of Borden
Dylan Fisher, Town of Clarksville
Martha Whetsell, Town of Utica
Perry Smith, Clark County Commissioners
Michael Killen, Clark County Surveyor
Brenton M. Fender, Town of Georgetown
Billy Stewart, Floyd County Commissioners
Don Lopp, Floyd County Surveyor
Roger 'Buck' McGraw, Town of Corydon
Hugh P. Burns, Town of Elizabeth
Sam Day, Harrison County Council
Chuck Sebastian, Scott County Commissioners
Wally Terkhorn, City of Salem
Preston Shell, Washington County Commissioners

Also present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Graham asked for a motion to approve the February 23, 2017 Full Commission Board Meeting Minutes, which were sent with the meeting notice. Elizabeth Blocker made the motion to approve, Adam Dickey seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures

Mayor Graham asked for a motion to approve the February and March 2017 expenditures, they were sent with the meeting notice. Tony Jackson made the motion to approve, Andy Lemon seconded. The motion carried.

Ratification of Actions Taken by the Executive Board

Mayor Graham asked for a motion to ratify all actions taken by the Executive Board since the February Full Commission Board meeting. Tony Jackson made the motion, Adam Dickey seconded it. The motion was approved.

Other Business

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on May 22nd with Jill Oca to discuss the first quarter finances and 2017 and 2018 budget projections. Jill Oca is here to go over these projections with the Board.

Also, we've heard some feedback from Cities and Towns regarding the policy that was adopted in September of 2016 and they would like it to be adjusted. The Finance Committee will meet again to discuss this and bring some adjustments back to the Full Commission that may be more amenable.

With that said, in order to make adjustments to the policy and get it to the Cities and Towns in time to put something in their 2018 budgets, the Finance Committee feels that a special Full Commission meeting should be held. The Executive Committee meeting normally scheduled for June 22nd has been cancelled. Jill will be out of town at the NADO Board meeting. The suggested date is Thursday, June 29th at 7pm at the River Hills office. Steve Meyer made the motion to hold a special Full Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 29th at 7pm at 300 Spring Street, Suite 2A, Jeffersonville, IN. Scott Fluhr seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment

Nick Creevy gave the Board an update of the EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment project. Mr. Creevy stated that the Coalition has been reviewing sites for Phase I and Phase II work and that one has been completed. Discussion was held regarding the sites that were submitted, as well as a call to the Board members to help identify additional sites in our five county coalition area.

Executive Director Report

Mayor Graham asked Jill Saegesser to give her Executive Director's report.

President's Budget

The President released his budget earlier this week. A copy of the synopsis from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is included in your packet. Nothing has really changed from the "Skinny Budget", but the final budget does offer some more detailed information regarding orderly closures of the agencies that would be eliminated.

EDA is still proposed to be eliminated with a \$30 million provision for orderly closure of the agency. Elimination of HUDs CDBG program (Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment

Partnerships Program); Elimination of USDA Water and Wastewater loan and grant program; FEMA flood mapping program; USDOT TIGER grant program; Categorical grants under the EPA.

As we discussed at prior meetings, contact has been made with the congressional staff, as well as 9th District Congressman Trey Hollingsworth and US Senator Todd Young. Efforts will continue to be made as Congress will soon be considering the FY2018 budget cycle. NADO is holding a free webinar to discuss the proposed changes on May 31st. If you would like to register for the webinar, please let me know and the link will be sent to you.]

Additional discussion was held regarding River Hills' approach to educate our congressional representatives as to how these proposed cuts will affect our communities. After some discussion, the Board proposed a three-pronged approach. Kevin Vissing made the motion that Jill Saegesser research/arrange a fly-in visit to Washington DC to meet with Senator Young, Senator Donnelly and 9th District Congressman Trey Hollingsworth, at the cost of the communities that would participate, draft a letter from River Hills, signed by the Board Chair William Graham, to send to our congressional representatives to explain how the cuts will affect our District and ask the Board Members to request in-District and in-State meetings with our congressional representatives in order to show the value of the programs that are proposed to be cut and/or eliminated. Andy Lemon seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Updated Website

Please visit our new website. We are still working to populate all of the information, but we maintain it ourselves and update it regularly. You can also refer anyone to the site for the Brownfield program. The information and application is located and available for download.

Annual Dinner


The Annual Dinner is scheduled for August 24th. Many suggestions for annual dinner speakers were given, but the focus was on our 9th District Congressional Representative, Trey Hollingsworth.

Staff Reports

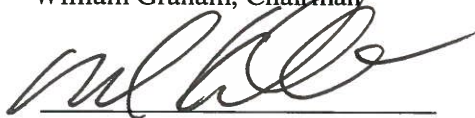
The staff reports were given in handout form.

Adjournment

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



William Graham, Chairman



Michael Killen, Secretary

