

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. CST on Thursday, November 20, 2014 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Harley Snyder, Bill Joiner, Randy Palmateer and Tom Dabertin five members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** B. Joiner motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
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| a. Minutes: Board Meeting of September 18, 2014: | <i>Approved</i> |
| b. Reports: MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance | <i>Approved</i> |
| c. Reports: Buy Indiana Quarterly Report | <i>Approved</i> |
| d. Contracts: Faegre Baker Daniels (Grant Writing) | <i>Approved</i> |
- V. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force:**
- a. **Recommendations:**
- i. **Budget:** B. Hanna reported that there is a slight increase to the RDA's 2015 administrative budget. The percent increase can be attributed to the RDA's educational assistance program to support 2 full-time staff members with their educational needs and an increase to public awareness to allow for an increased communication needs. B. Hanna asked for a recommendation to approve the 2015 administrative budget.
- T. Dabertin motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- ii. **Grants:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA recommends allocating a cost match of \$75,000.00 to support the City of Hammond, Town of Munster and Dyer in the Federal Transit Administration's grant opportunity to develop a pilot program for planning Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the areas most impacted by the West Lake extension. The RDA cost match will leverage an additional \$300,000.00 in federal funds to produce a deliverable product to NICTD, RDA and the partnering communities in the form of a strategic report focusing on West Lake extension corridor specific planning.
- B. Joiner motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- iii. **Proposals:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA recommends awarding the professional services contract for the RDA's 2015 financial audit to Whittaker and Company on the amount not to exceed \$21,250.00
- T. Dabertin motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- VI. **Project Status Review:**
- a. **Surface Transportation:**
- i. **Update:** *None*

- b. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**
 - i. **Update:** *None*
 - c. **Expansion of the Gary Airport:**
 - i. **Update:** *None*
 - d. **Economic Development:**
 - i. **Update:** *None*
 - e. **RDA Operations:**
 - i. **Update:** *None*
- VII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - ii. **Update:** *None*
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - iii. **Presentation of Recent Rewards:** B. Hanna gave a brief overview of the recent awards that the RDA has received:
 - 1. **Team Awards:**
 - a. **Society of Innovators-** Accelerating Greatness in Innovation
 - b. **2014 International Economic Development Council-** Excellence in Economic Development- Gold Award.
 - 2. **Staff Awards:**
 - a. **The Times 20 Under 40-** Sherri Ziller and Randy Palmateer
 - b. **Influential Women in Northwest Indiana:** Economic Development- Sherri Ziller.
- IX. **2015 Future Meeting Planning:** The quarterly Board structure and the monthly Working Groups are reflected in the planning calendar.
- X. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- XI. **Adjournment:** Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jakubin