

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, March 14, 2019 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Bill Joiner, Christopher Campbell, Milton Reed, Randy Palmateer and Africa Tarver. Six members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Election of Officers:** D. Hollenbeck reported that the RDA annual elects Board Officers and asked that the Board issue their motions for the RDA's election of Officers for CY 2019.
- M. Reed motioned to keep the following Board Officers as CY 2018; D. Fesko as Chairman; B. Joiner as Vice Chairman; and C. Campbell as Treasurer. R. Palmateer seconded the motion.
- All were in favor and the motion was approved to reelect the aforementioned RDA Board Officers for CY 2019.
- V. **Consent Agenda:** B. Joiner motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
1. **Minutes:** Board Meeting of December 13, 2018
 2. **Reports:** MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (4th QTR 2018)
 3. **Reports:** Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (4th QTR 2018)
 4. **Reports:** Zip Code Quarterly Report (4th QTR 2018)
- VI. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force**
- i. **EPA Revolving Loan Fund:** Main and Guthrie, East Chicago, IN: S. Ziller asked the Board for the approval of use of the EPA RLF grant dollars for the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) in the amount (up to) \$650,000.00. The project will leverage \$40 million in investment and generate approximately 240 temporary jobs and 4-6 permanent jobs. The project is within the footprint of the East Chicago phase III shoreline revitalization grant, leveraging an additional \$8.545 million. In addition, the end use is for DTM Real Estate services to purchase and develop the site following cleanup activities and that the site development plans will be the (NICOSIA) replacement senior housing consisting of affordable replacement senior housing totaling 206 units.
- S. Ziller asked the Board to approve the loan from the EPA Revolving Loan Fund contingent upon EPA eligibility, legal review and receipt of required loan agreement exhibits and as presented.
- R. Palmateer motioned to approve the EPA Revolving Loan Fund with a second by A. Tarver. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- VII. **Project Status Review:**
- a. **Surface Transportation:**

i. **Update:**

b. **Expansion of the Gary Chicago Airport:**

i. **Update:** *None*

c. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**

i. **Update:** *None*

d. **Transit Development Districts:**

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA has been making progress with the Transit Development Districts. The internal team (MKSK, KPMG and PALLC) met to discuss the schedule of communities and we are finalizing the schedule and once the RDA begins scheduling individual meetings with the municipalities and their key staff. The process will take some time to accomplish and we'll need to make sure we are ready when seeking approval from the State Budget Agency, probably in mid-2020, and we'll also continue to gather data and analyze it to be ready to meet with our communities and start scheduling the public hearings to receive the public's input so we can build that into our thinking and our process.

S. Ziller reported that the next TDD Steering Committee is scheduled for May 15, 2019.

e. **RDA Operations:**

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA's internal control and financial audit will begin the 1st week of April and we will continue to work with our accountant to make sure we're buttoned up for the audit. S. Ziller stating that the RDA should receive the final audit report at the end of April and will share the report after we receive it.

VIII. **Unfinished Business:**

- i. **Update:** *None*

IX. **New Business:**

- i. **Update:** *None*

X. **2019 Board Planning Calendar:** The quarterly Board structure is reflected in the planning calendar.

XI. **General Public Comment:** *None*



XII. **Adjournment:** Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy L Jakubin