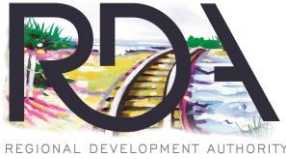


- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, October 11, 2018 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Bill Joiner, Christopher Campbell, Milton Reed, Thomas Golab and Africa Tarver. Six members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** M. Reed motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
1. **Minutes:** Board Meeting of July 12, 2018
 2. **Reports:** MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (2nd QTR 2018)
 3. **Reports:** Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (2nd QTR 2018)
 4. **Reports:** Zip Code Quarterly Report (2nd QTR 2018)
- V. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force**
- i. **Resolution 18-02: Rail Projects- Governance Agreement:** P. Genetos reported that at the last meeting, the Governance Agreement and with the purpose of this Resolution being presented today, is to confirm that the finalization at the Governance Agreement. It also clarifies that the CEO and COO are to continue to consult with the officers of the Board regarding the rail projects and the decision they make under the Governance Agreement.
- C. Campbell motioned to approve Resolution 18-02 with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- ii. **Contracts (Ratify): Ice Miller, Davidson v. RDA Litigation:** D. Hollenbeck reported that the RDA has engaged Ice Miller to represent the RDA and asked the Board to ratify and commit to Ice Miller in the defense of the Davidson v. NWI RDA and NICTD litigation.
- D. Hollenbeck asked to the Board for the ratification of the Ice Miller contract.
- B. Joiner motioned to approve the ratification with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- iii. **EPA Revolving Loan Fund:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA, in partnership with NIRPC and cities of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago, is the recipient of EPA dollars for a Revolving Loan Fund [RLF] (*funds are strictly EPA grant dollars*) which was established in 2013. At the recommendation of the



Brownfields Coalition and per RDA policy, the RDA is presenting two projects in which the RDA would encourage the Board to consider authorizing the RDA to into the loan process.

Methodist Church, Gary, IN: S. Ziller reported the funding for the project is the Northwest Indiana Brownfield Coalition 2013 EPA Revolving Loan Fund application for financial support for the City of Gary's Redevelopment Commission, in the amount of \$46,280. The activity would be for asbestos abatement and the loan would leverage additional funding provided by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for \$753,000 with an end use of a Ruins Garden.

S. Ziller asked the Board to approve the recommendation of a loan from the EPA Revolving Loan Fund contingent upon legal review and the receipt of required loan agreement exhibits.

B. Joiner motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

24 Marble Street, Hammond, IN: S. Ziller reported the funding for the project is the Northwest Indiana Brownfield Coalition 2013 EPA Revolving Loan Fund application for financial support for Park 24, LLC in the amount (not to exceed) of \$700,000 in the form of a Revolving Loan for environmental cleanup of hazardous substances contamination, and cleanup of hazardous substances commingled with petroleum contamination. The overall project investment is \$34,000,000 and the end use would be to build to suit industrial development.

S. Ziller asked the Board to approve the recommendation of the loan from the EPA Revolving Loan Fund contingent upon legal review and the receipt of required loan agreement exhibits.

M. Reed asked for the balance of the fund.

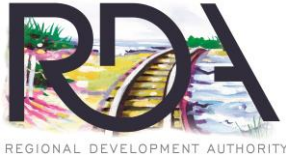
J. Huber, RDA Grants Manager, answered stating that the balance is about \$780,000 prior to the approval of Methodist and 24 Marble.

B. Joiner motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

VI. Project Status Review:

a. Surface Transportation:

- i. **Update:** B. Hanna reported that the Westlake application was submitted on September 4, 2018.



b. Expansion of the Gary Chicago Airport:

i. **Update:** *None*

c. Shoreline Redevelopment:

i. **Update:** *None*

d. RDA Operations:

i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the staff is working on the 2018 annual report and hope to share with the Board at the next meeting. S. Ziller also reported that between now and the next schedule Board meeting her and Bill Sheldrake will be working on the 2019 administrative and project budget and will have a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business:

i. **Update:** *None*

VIII. New Business:

i. **Update:** *None*

IX. 2018 Future Meeting Planning: The quarterly Board structure is reflected in the planning calendar.

X. General Public Comment: J. Nowacki voiced his concern regarding the issues of RDA projects and that the RDA Board needs to accept accountability and responsibility for the failed promises made to the communities due to lack of transparency.

XI. Adjournment: Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy L Jakubin