

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, April, 17, 2014 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Harley Snyder, Ed Glover, Jeff Good, Bill Joiner, Tom Dabertin and Randy Palmateer. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** R. Palmateer moved for approval of the consent agenda with a second by E. Glover. All were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.
 - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting April 17, 2014:** **Approved**
 - b. **Compliance Reports, MBE/WBE/Buy IN 2nd QTR Quarterly, 2014:** **Approved**
- V. **Action on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force:**
 - a. **Recommendation:**
 - i. **Funding Award- Project Noserus:** D. Fesko reported that the request in front of the Board is for project Noserus to expand their production into Portage Indiana. This project will create 150 jobs by 2020. On behalf of IEDC, they have requested \$1.575 million for land acquisition and construction costs. D. Fesko stated that the request will be contingent upon the company solidifying the \$1.575 million EDGE tax credit agreement with IEDC, and an incentive offer from the respected community.

T. Dabertin moved for approval of Project Noserus, with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
 - ii. **Funding Award- Project Wabick:** D. Fesko reported that project Wabick has requested to relocate their headquarters to Hammond Indiana from Romeoville Illinois, which will create 135 jobs by 2018. IEDC is requesting \$1.725 million for remodeling of an existing building and equipment purchases. IEDC is offering \$1.725 million in EDGE tax credit and a training grant contingent upon the companies solidifying an EDGE tax credit agreement with IEDC and their incentive offer from their respected communities in which the project will take place.

R. Palmateer moved for approval of Project Wabick, with a second by T. Dabertin. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
 - iii. **Policies- Grant Management, Financial Monitoring/Performance:** D. Fesko reported that the RDA's financial monitoring and performance policy has been updated to audit the grant agreement draw schedule at least annually. RDA staff will conduct an internal audit on the signed grant agreements between the RDA and the grantee to ensure the agreed upon distribution schedule is current and accurate. Staff will make appropriate changes to the distribution schedule to ensure correctness and consult legal to officially amend the agreement.

E. Glover moved for approval of the policy language update, with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- iv. **Contracts- SME Brownfield EPA RLF Grant Support:** S. Ziller stated that the RDA was awarded a \$800,000 EPA grant for a revolving loan fund program for brownfield cleanup in Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago. Fiscal task force has recommended approval of a contract with SME for technical and environmental services associated with the loan program for \$145,000.00 over a 3-year period.

R. Palmateer motioned for approval of the recommendation, with a second by H. Snyder. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

VI. **Project Status Review:**

a. **Surface Transportation:**

- i. **Update:** H. Snyder stated that the working group continues to work with NICTD administration and are progressing on schedule.

b. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**

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

c. **Expansion of the Gary Airport:**

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

d. **Economic Development:**

- i. **Update:** J. Good gave an update on deal closing fund allocations since 2011. The RDA has invested \$11.75 million to leverage \$495.58 million, for a total investment of \$507.33 million, while creating 1139 jobs. The working group continues to meet with different corporations that work with IEDC to try and bring businesses and jobs to northwest Indiana

e. **RDA Operations:**

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that Whittaker & Company has concluded the RDA's 2013 financial audit and found no material weaknesses. A copy of the audit can be found on the RDA website. S. Ziller also stated that KSM continues to make significant progress towards the data collection and analysis for the Trauma Center and Academic Medical Center feasibility studies. This project remains on time, and KSM has begun developing recommendations, scenarios, and conclusions. The goal is to produce quality and timely studies by mid-summer this year and the group is well on their way to accomplishing this goal. A draft of the studies is expected by July 31, 2014.

VII. **Unfinished Business:**

- ii. **Update:** *None*

VIII. **New Business:**

- iii. **Other:** *None*

- IX. **2013 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