

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, October 15, 2015 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Harley Snyder, Bill Joiner, Ed Glover and Phil Taillon. 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 H. Snyder. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

a. **Minutes: Board Meeting of September 17, 2015:**

Approved

V. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force:**

a. **Recommendations:**

- i. **Funding Applications: Munster, 45th Street Realignment and Grade Separation:** B. Hanna reported the Town of Munster is seeking \$6M from the RDA to leverage \$24M to support a street realignment/grade separation project at the existing intersection of Calumet Avenue and 45th Street. This project proposes to relocate the intersection of Calumet Avenue and East 45th Street to a single, 4-legged intersection via a grade separated structure at the crossing with the railroad tracks. This project fully intends to result in significant commercial development at this site thus providing a more attractive area for TOD investments. With the RDA's current investment in rail, this project is directly related to the Town's TOD potential and eventual RDA partnership. Expanded rail service with the TOD opportunities in Munster will make NWI competitive with Chicago suburbs for commuters.

S. Ziller provided the overall cost breakdown:

Overall Project Cost:	\$30M
NIRPC:	\$9M
State:	\$9M
Munster:	\$6M
RDA:	\$6M

S. Ziller asked the Board for recommendation to approve for funding Town of Munster's funding application in the amount of \$6M.

E. Glover 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:** S. Ziller report to the Board the RDA management and fiscal counsel will begin working on the 2016 Administrative budget. The budget and any proposed amendments to the 2015 budget should be presented at the November Board meeting for consideration.

VII. **Unfinished Business:**

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

VIII. **New Business:**

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

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