



**ATTACHMENT A**

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, February 8, 2018 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Bill Joiner, Christopher Campbell, Milton Reed, Thomas Golab, Africa Tarver and Randy Palmateer. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** Julie O’Conner asked the Board the following questions:

- 1. Where can she find the total costs spent to date vs what was budgeted to date for the West Lake and Transit Oriented Development projects?
- 2. What is the TDD Advisory Committee meeting schedule for 2018?
- 3. Where can she find numbers that measure the success against projections?

S. Ziller responded to J. O’Conner stating that the RDA is working on scheduling the 2018 TDD meeting dates and will have a schedule by the end of February (2018) and they will be posted on the RDA website.

- IV. **Election of Officers:** D. Hollenbeck reported that the RDA annually elects Board Officers and asked that the Board issue their motions for the RDA’s election of Officers for CY 2018.

M. Reed motioned to keep the following Board Officers as CY 2017; 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 2018.

- V. **Consent Agenda:** R. Palmateer motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- a. **Minutes: Board Meeting of November 9, 2017** **Approved**
- b. **Contracts: Ice Miller, State Governance Affairs** **Approved**
- c. **Compensation: CEO Annual Compensation Review** **Approved**

**VI. Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force- FTA Ratings Package Submittal Items**

- i. **Budget: 2018 Administrative Budget:** B. Sheldrake presented to the Board of Directors the RDA’s 2018 administrative budget reporting that the RDA spent well under the budget that was passed for CY 2017 and that the proposed budget for CY 2018 shows that salary and benefits have increased from CY 2017. The reason for this increase is the RDA is hiring an Accountant for CY 2018. B. Sheldrake also reported that the budget includes a number of expected costs for the issuance of the financing for the West Lake and Double Track commuter rail projects which will increase both the level of necessary spending and the complexity of budget forecasting.

*A memo describing the 2018 budget is available to the public upon request.*

R. Palmateer asked what the salary will be for the Accountant.

B. Sheldrake responded stating that the recommended amount approved by the State Personnel Department is \$90,000.00 annually; and benefits are in addition to that amount.



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B. Joiner motioned to approve the proposed 2018 administrative budget as presented with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion as approved.

- ii. **City of East Chicago: Acceptance of Grant Request:** B. Hanna reported to the Board that the request is for the final installment phase for the City of East Chicago's Waterfront Revitalization Initiative project and is considered a continuation of ongoing progress. The acceptance of the third installment is in the amount of \$8,545,000 to the City of East Chicago for projects related to Guthrie Street (\$6M) and the Fitzsimmons Retail project (2.545M).

M. Reed added that the project is going well for the City and because of the revitalization, the City of East Chicago has been able to leverage other dollars.

B. Hanna asked the Board to accept and review the funding request for the East Chicago grant in the amount of \$8,545,000.

C. Campbell motioned to accept the request for review with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- iii. **City of Hammond: Acceptance of Grant Request:** B. Hanna reported to the Board that the City of Hammond has entered into a construction funding agreement with INDOT to provide \$124,464 local funds towards a total \$622,318 contract to demolish and clear 27 properties acquired by the City of Hammond for New Chicago street construction that will provide direct access to land adjacent to the proposed Gateway commuter rail station, The land has been identified for transit oriented re-development purposes which is expected to provide a significant return on investment from the state and local tax revenue generated by the new economic activity. B. Hanna stated that the City is requesting \$100,000 from the RDA for financial assistance towards the city's local match obligation.

B. Hanna asked the Board to accept and review the funding request for the City of Hammond's Chicago St. construction demolition/clearing in the amount of \$100,000.

R. Palmateer motioned to accept the request for review with a second by T. Golab. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

### VII. **Project Status Review:**

a. **Surface Transportation:**

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

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

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

c. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**

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

d. **RDA Operations:**

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- a) **Convention Center:** S. Ziller reported that all in-person stakeholder interviews and most phone-call interviews for the convention center study have been completed and that all together, CSL will have conducted between 100-115 interviews. She stated that phase I is almost complete and that the next phase includes site analysis, preliminary construction costs and operation analysis, economic impact cost and benefit analysis, and funding analysis. The study is on schedule and expected to be complete in May 2018.
- b) **CY 2017 Financial and Internal Control Audit:** S. Ziller reported that London-Witte will begin the RDA's audit at the end of March and that the RDA will have the audit report complete by mid-April and will share with the Board around that time.
- c) **Policy and Procedures/Employee Handbook Review:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA's policy and procedures/employee handbook is under review and that staff and Consultants are currently reviewing both documents.
- d) **Transit Development Districts:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA staff is organizing the next meeting of the TDD Steering Committee and hope to have that scheduled by the end of February.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

- i. **Update:** None

**IX. New Business:**

- i. **Update:** None

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

**XI. General Public Comment:** K. Davidson raised his concern regarding Mr. Hanna's compensation review (under the RDA's consent agenda), stating that there was no additional information provided for the public's interest and that the people will begin to speak out about the lack of information provided. He stated that the public needs to be made aware of how public dollars are being spent at the RDA and that the Governor will have to answer for all of the things that happen behind closed doors at the RDA.

J. Nowacki voiced his concerns regarding public comment stating the importance of it and that his previous complaints over the years have come to be true and that the RDA is wasting money.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Amy L Jakubin*