

Central Indiana Regional Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020
3:00 p.m.
MIBOR
1912 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Committee Members Present, Representing Quorum:

Dr. Rockerick Perry, City of Indianapolis	Mitch Frazier, City of Westfield
Frank Esposito, City of Indianapolis	
Chris Pryor, City of Carmel	

Committee Members Missing:

Keith Lauter, City of Greenwood

Others Present:

Anna Gremling, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Sean Northup, MPO
Danielle Gerlach, MPO	Tom Moore, City of Indianapolis—Office of Corporation Council
Rose Scovel, MPO	Annie Dixon, MPO

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Chris Pryor called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Introductions were made around the room.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Mitch Frazier moved to approve meeting minutes from January 21,2020 RDA Board Meeting.
Frank Esposito seconded the motion.
The minutes of the January 21, 2020 RDA Board Meeting were approved as presented.
MOTION PASSED.

STATUS REPORTS

3. **Retirement Planning**

Rose Scovel explained to the board there may be decisions the RDA board would need to make on behalf of MPO staff, such as retirement benefits, depending on the pending legislation. **Anna Gremling** further explained the bill might get approved, which would mean the MPO would not move under the RDA. Because of this, some aspects of the transition are on hold until the bill is off the floor. **Scovel** detailed retirement plans that the board would be able to choose from. **Mitch Frazier** asked if there was a market opportunity for the benefits. **Scovel** explained this was looked into, but the unfunded liability would be significant, removing it as an option. **Mitch Frazier** asked if staff members were content with their current benefits. **Scovel** stated yes, as far as she knew. **Scovel** went on to explain that salary impacts PERF

coverage. **Chris Pryor** asked if the benefits were changed, would they still be paid for by the MPO? **Scovel** answered yes, it would just be more direct rather than staying on the current plan.

4. **Financial Report**

Sean Northup did not have any changes or updates for the financial report. All members have paid dues for 2019.

5. **Annual Report**

Anna Gremling explained the state's requirement for an annual report submission, which is in progress. April 1, 2020 is the deadline to submit the annual reports.

6. **Senate Bill 350**

Sean Northup updated the group on Senate Bill 350, which is going through cabinets at the state level. **Gremling** has testified twice for the bill. If this bill passes, which authorizes a new RDA to be formed for the MPO, there is an amendment that would allow communities to opt out of this existing RDA and into the new one. **Mitch Frazier** asked about a timeline for the bill. **Northup** expects the bill to be published this week or next. **Chris Pryor** asked if there was any resistance to the bill. **Northup** explained most people like the concept while there are some concerns over Amendment 6. **Mitch Frazier** asked how this would impact the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that is being completed. **Northup** explained it should not impact it per se, so staff will continue to work on it. The RDA would be required to do the CEDS and a Strategic Plan and would still be staffed by the MPO. **Frank Esposito** asked for the best place to track the bill for updates. **Scovel** stated IGA.in.gov has the latest bills and links to see the live meetings.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7. **Other Items of Business**

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Anna Gremling explained to the board the state awarded a \$30,000 grant for the CEDS but the other grant from the Indiana Department of Economic Development (IEDC) came with stipulations that they are working out. The chamber will then match that grant. Each of the communities with the exception of Madison County have submitted a support letter for the application.

Resolution 2019-RDA-007

Gremling reminded the group of the amendment that was requested when the resolution was first proposed.

Frank Esposito moved to recommend 2019-RDA-007 for approval.
Mitch Frazier seconded the motion.
Resolution 2019-RDA-007 was approved with the amendments in place.
MOTION PASSED.

8. **Adjournment**

Mitch Frazier moved to adjourn the RDA Board Meeting.
Frank Esposito seconded the motion.
The RDA Board meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.
MOTION PASSED.