

**Central Indiana Regional Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25, 2020**  
3:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present, Representing Quorum:

Dr. Roderick Perry, City of Indianapolis	Mitch Frazier, City of Westfield
Chris Pryor, City of Carmel	Keith Lauter, City of Greenwood
Frank Esposito, City of Indianapolis	

Committee Members Missing: None.

Others Present:

Anna Gremling, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Sean Northup, MPO
Rose Scovel, MPO	Chris Steinmetz, City of Indianapolis—Office of Corporation Council
Rick Cockrum, Capitol Assets	Sydnee Cseresznyes, Capitol Assets
Danielle Gerlach, MPO	

1. **Welcome**

**Chris Pryor** called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. **Anna Gremling** conducted roll call of RDA Board Members.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. **Meeting Minutes**

**Rick Cockrum** corrected Capital to Capitol and provided the correct spelling for Sydnee’s last name via e-mail.

<p><b>Mitch Frazier</b> moved to approve meeting minutes from April 24, 2020 RDA Board Meeting as amended.  <b>Frank Esposito</b> seconded the motion.  <b>Roll Call Vote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris Pryor, yes</li> <li>- Mitch Frazier, yes</li> <li>- Keith Lauter, yes</li> <li>- Dr. Roderick Perry, --</li> <li>- Frank Esposito, yes</li> </ul> <p>The minutes of the April 24, 2020 RDA Board Meeting were approved as amended.  MOTION PASSED.</p>
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3. **IMPO as RDA Fiduciary Agent and Rescind Resolution #2019-RDA-007 Resolution #2020-RDA-003**

**Sean Northup** updated the group that as of June 1, 2020, the MPO has become an independent organization. He explained the resolution would allow the MPO to be the fiduciary agent to the RDA which would become one of the economic development committees. **Northup** explained the Executive Board’s role in the operations. **Anna Gremling** added at the next Executive Committee meeting, a similar resolution would be proposed, accepting this resolution from the RDA, if the board approves.

**Keith Lauter** moved to approve Resolution #2020-RDA-003, allowing the MPO to be the fiduciary agent to the RDA and rescinding Resolution #2019-RDA-007.

**Frank Esposito** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, --
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-003 was approved.

MOTION PASSED.

**4. Legal Representation Resolution #2020-RDA-004**

**Anna Gremling** explained the City would no longer be providing legal counsel for the RDA. Frost, Brown, Todd has been working with the MPO in the past and can offer the services the RDA would need. **Keith Lauter** proposed new wording for the resolution in the final paragraph. **Frank Esposito** asked if policies like procurement standards would be similar to what were used when still under the City. **Gremling** said the standards are currently being reviewed and used the City's standards as a basis for the new.

**Frank Esposito** moved to approve Resolution #2020-RDA-004 as amended, authorizing Frost Brown Todd to represent the RDA.

**Mitch Frazier** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, --
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-004 was approved as amended.

MOTION PASSED.

**5. Audit Approval Resolution #2020-RDA-005**

**Anna Gremling** briefed the group on the resolution. **Sean Northup** explained if the board authorized this resolution, it would allow the board chair to be the single signature denoting RDA Board approval to validate the resolutions. **Gremling** asked for the resolution to be tabled, as the materials were not received on time.

**Chris Pryor** moved to table Resolution #2020-RDA-005.

**Frank Esposito** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-005 was tabled.

MOTION PASSED.

6. **Insurance Resolution #2020-RDA-006**

**Sean Northup** explained the MPO had collected quotes from different boards for insurance to provide coverage if the board were ever to be sued. The MPO was quoted approximately \$5,000, which is because the MPO is considered a higher risk. As such, because a quote has not been received and the RDA would not require such high coverage, the resolution is proposed not to exceed \$5,000 and would begin on January 1, 2021. The budget could be amended to reflect it more accurately after receiving and accepting a quote. **Gremling** stated this could also be tabled until an actual amount is received. **Northup** explained starting in January of next year is an option and can be discussed further, but internal discussion found January 1, 2021 to be the best option. **Gremling** explained the largest concern was the cost, as this will increase membership dues. **Chris Pryor** asked if the cost would be figured by population. **Northup** said yes. **Keith Lauter** asked about the possibility of getting retroactive coverage to June 1, 2020. **Northup and Gremling** will follow up with this and will include a budget first, then an individual resolution.

**Chris Pryor** moved to table Resolution #2020-RDA-006.

**Mitch Frazier** seconded the motion, contingent on receiving the budget or expense proposal to see rates comparing June 1 and January 1, 2020 for coverage to start.

**Chris Pryor** accepted the amendment for the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, --
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-006 was tabled.

MOTION PASSED.

7. **Budget Amendment #1 Resolution #2020-RDA-007**

**Sean Northup** briefed the board on the existing budget and what would change due to this amendment, as well as potential budget changes for legal services and insurance. He explained how dues would change for each community. **Dr. Perry** asked if the cities were in agreeance with the increase in dues. **Gremling** explained she has not checked with them and **Northup** stated this would be a conversation for the coming months. **Mitch Frazier** proposed to table the resolution until the actual change is known. **Frank Esposito** agreed.

**Frank Esposito** moved to table Resolution #2020-RDA-007.

**Dr. Roderick Perry** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-007 was tabled.

MOTION PASSED.

8. **Hamilton County Economic Development Authority Support Resolution #2020-RDA-008**

**Sean Northup** briefly explained why a letter of support was proposed for Hamilton County. **Anna Gremling** read the letter to the board. **Northup** added this aligns with the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document and what the RDA wants for the region.

**Chris Pryor** moved to approve Resolution #2020-RDA-008 as presented, authorizing the letter of support.

**Keith Lauter** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Mitch Frazier, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes
- Dr. Roderick Perry, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes

Resolution #2020-RDA-008 was approved.

MOTION PASSED.

STATUS REPORTS

9. **New RDA Legislation** \*this was item 11 on the agenda and was moved to item 9

**Anna Gremling** explained the new legislation allows the MPO to be a standalone organization and includes RDA language, allowing for the creation of another RDA in Central Indiana. She will be having conversations with elected officials to talk about the legislation and the new RDA moving forward. **Frank Esposito** clarified that elected officials was referring to Mayors. **Gremling** explained the new legislation expires in 2025. **Rick Cockrum** clarified the sunset clause for 2025 and the reporting requirements are to provide the opportunity to check in with legislators. **Chris Pryor** asked where this fit into the mayor's actions for regional development, to which **Rick** explained the mayors were looking for a funding mechanism, which is not included in the legislation.

10. **Financial Report**

**Sean Northup** updated the group on the current financial report for the RDA and that he was expecting the audit to be billed the following week.

11. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update**

**Rose Scovel** updated the board that in May, it was recommended that the MPO submit for funding through the CARES Act competitive grant program because the MPO was not yet eligible to apply for non-competitive grants. Additional narrative about the impact of COVID-19 was added to the application and was submitted on June 6, 2020. A scope for the consultant for this project will be available soon.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

12. **Other Items of Business**

None.

13. **Adjournment**

**Mitch Frazier** moved to adjourn the RDA Board Meeting.

**Frank Esposito** seconded the motion.

The RDA Board meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm.

MOTION PASSED.