

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors of the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority

January 2, 2018

The Board of Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority met in its first meeting on January 2, 2018 at 10:00am in Room 200, One Southern Indiana Office, New Albany, Indiana.

Directors present at the meeting were Dana Huber, John Jones, Kevin Kellems, Steve Meyer, and Kenny Rush.

I. Call to order and Introductions

Dana Huber called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The five Board members introduced themselves.

II. Public Comments: None

III. New Business

A. President and CEO of One Southern Indiana Wendy Dant Chesser presented the purpose of the Regional Development Authority (RDA) is the vehicle that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has put forth to participate in the Regional Cities Initiative Program. This is a positive movement for growing the regional economies.

B. Wendy presented the responsibilities of the RDA Board as required by IC 36-73.6

1. Election of officers was made for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer role. **Kenny Rush** made a motion to approve Dana Huber as Chair. Kevin Kellems seconded. Motion approved 5-0. **Dana Huber** made a motion to approve Kevin Kellems as Vice-Chair. Kenny Rush seconded. Motion approved 5-0. **Steve Meyer** made a motion to approve Kenny Rush as Secretary/Treasurer. Kevin Kellems seconded. Motion approved 5-0.
2. The Open Door Law requirement whereas meeting notices must be posted, media will be given advanced notice and the agenda posted at least 48 business hours in advance of the public meeting. One Southern Indiana (1si) will provide the administrative duties of RDA if no dollars are running through it. **Kevin Kellems** made a motion to approve that 1si be the initial holding place for Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority meetings. Kenny Rush seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

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3. The Oath of Office (IC 5-4-1) form was reviewed by the Board and signed. The documents were notarized copies distributed.
4. Conflict of Interest Declarations are to receive revisions in Section 2.2 as asked by Kevin Kellems. Dana Huber and 1si will define and modify to tighten up the language. An additional paragraph will be added to show how to handle the situation when a conflict of interest is brought forward. The RDA Board members can provide clarity and definition. A preliminary agreement will be sent and a vote will take place at the next meeting.

C. Steve Meyer motioned to approve the RDA by-laws as written. John Jones seconded. Motioned approved 5-0. A 75% vote of the executive members would be needed if the by-laws were to be altered, amended or repealed members.

D. Dana Huber presented the terms of directors. The RDA Board of Directors consists of 5 members with 4-year term that can be appointed to subsequent terms. There are no term limits and the Board decided it was best to stagger terms, if possible, so as to not turn the Board completely over.

E. Wendy presented the options for staffing and administrative responsibilities. 1si is not funding anything towards the RDA. Everything will be in-kind and will be outlined in the memo of understanding. As required by IC 36-7.6-2-9, a member appointed to a development board is not entitled to receive any compensation; however, a member is entitled to a per diem. There is currently no budget to pay this.

F. Wendy presented information on potential funding from the IEDC. The IEDC can allocate money for certain projects and can fund regional development activities. The IEDC has not officially stated how they are going to divide the money. Wendy expects to have an update from the IEDC on Friday.

G. Dana Huber presented the proposed future meeting schedule & locations. The meetings have to be at least quarterly. The first Friday of each month was proposed with a start time of 10:00am. Wendy will send a revised listing of dates along with calendar invites to the Board. She will also begin securing locations that meet ADA accessibility.

IV. Old Business

A. Wendy presented the "History of Regional Development Authority in Southern Indiana." She referred to the one-page document that provides details of the past starting from 2015 to now.

B. Wendy shared the overview of the RCI program and results since 2015 with a document titled “Regional Cities Initiative: Preliminary Economic Impacts”. Eric Doden, who is currently the President of Greater Fort Wayne Chamber and Eric Shields, a consultant with Cardinal Strategies commissioned the study to see if Regional Cities program was working. The purpose of the document is to thank the General Assembly and lay the groundwork for possible future funding for Regional Cities.

C. Wendy mentioned the 2015 Regional Development Plan and said she will find a way to share electronically.

V. Public Comments

Charlie Smith with the Building Development Association of Southern Indiana (BDASI) introduced himself and said he was here to help in any way and willing to assist the RDA Board of Directors. He will send his comments to the Chair, Dana Huber.

VI. Adjournment

Dana Huber stated that the Board will meet again on Friday, February 2 at 10:00am. The meeting will take place at the Scott County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room.

Steve Meyer motioned to adjourn. Kevin Kellems seconded. Motion approved 5-0.