

LA PORTE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
October 5, 2016 (4:00 PM)

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A Special Meeting of the La Porte County Redevelopment Commission was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Assembly Room #3 of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, La Porte, IN 46350.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Joe Coar; President at 4:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Matthew Bernacchi.

ROLL CALL

Joe Coar – Present
Patricia Harris – Present
Vidya Kora – Present
Terry Larson – Absent
Matthew Bernacchi– Present
Mark Kosior, Ex-Officio Member – Present
Lois Sosinski – Present
Randy Novak- Present

GUESTS

Robin Surber; LaPorte County Commissioner’s Assistant, Shaw Friedman; LaPorte County Redevelopment Commission Attorney.

Patricia Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vidya Kora seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 27, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Vidya Kora motioned to approve the July 27 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Matthew Bernacchi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Marketing Contract update:** Shaw Friedman; Commission Attorney indicated that according to a recent discussion with Dave Christian; LaPorte County Office of Economic Development Director, the marketing contract is moving forward as the Commission has authorized.

- B. **KIP Update:** Joe Coar reported that according to conversations with Dave Christian, Of LaPorte County Office of Economic Development Director businesses are calling with interest in KIP.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consideration of payment for Cender & Company: \$710 and \$6,763.25:** Joe Coar: Commission President presented a claim to Cender & Company in the amount of \$710 and \$6,763.25. Vidya Kora moved to approve the payment to Cender and Company for \$710 and \$6,763.25 as presented. Matthew Bernacchi seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

- B. **Consideration of payment for Propeller Marketing: \$4,562.50 August installment:** Joe Coar; Commission President presented a claim for Propeller Marketing in the amount of \$4,562.50. Vidya Kora moved to approve the payment for Propeller Marketing in the amount of \$4,562.50 as presented. Matthew Bernacchi seconded the motion. Patricia Harris requested an update on marketing accomplishments with regard to the agreement. Vidya Kora will request Dave Christian; LaPorte County Office of Economic Development Director email all members a marketing report.

- C. **Consideration of payment Friedman & Associates, P.C. for legal services: \$2,700/July-August and \$538.50/August-September:** Joe Coar; Commission President presented invoices for legal work provided to the Commission over the last two months. Vidya Kora moved to approve the payment to Friedman & Associates for \$2,700/July-August and \$538.50/August-September. Patricia Harris seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

D. Update negotiations on global easement agreement for KIP to be

controlled/administered by RDC: Shaw Friedman; Commission Attorney explained progress is continuing at KIP on the global easement agreement with work by Meridian Title and Barnes & Thornburg. Meridian Title is working to pull all the easements into a single document. Most of the easements documents are complete with a proposed list of conditions to present to Commission hopefully at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Friedman reported Dave Christian; Office of Redevelopment Commission Director and he are working on meeting with CSX representatives. A proposal to the State of Indiana for funding will probably be likely in the future for the CSX rail connection, CN Bridge and the completion of the Economic Development Corridor study.

Patricia Harris questioned if there will be a committee to manage this agreement. After some discussion, Patricia Harris requested a committee be formed to review the agreement before it is brought back to the Commission. Vidya Kora motioned to authorize the Commission President; Joe Coar to work with Dave Christian; LaPorte County Office of Economic Development Director to create a committee of 3 Commission representatives to review the agreement before it is presented to the Commission. Patricia Harris seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Other Business

None

ADJOURN

Vidya Kora moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m., seconded by Matthew Biernacchi and unanimously carried.