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**Accelerate Rural Indiana
Regional Development Authority
Development Board Meeting
Thursday, January 11th, 2024
1:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Development Board of the Accelerate Rural Indiana Regional Development Authority (Development Board) met on the above date and time at 314 W Washington St, Greensburg, Indiana 47240. Bryan Robbins called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Bruce Everhart, Bryan Robbins, Andy Saner, and David Toll answered roll call. Virgil Bremer was absent.

REPORT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER ON GIVING NOTICE OF MEETING: Everhart reported that proper notice of the meeting had been given in consultation with Indiana's Open Door Law and legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the December 8th, 2023, meeting of the Development Board were presented. Toll moved to approve the minutes as presented. Saner seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, CONSULTANTS, AND STAFF:

- **Officers** – Everhart presented the ARI RDA Development Fund December 2023 statement as the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Everhart noted that READI 2.0 contributions have been received and deposited from all ARI RDA members except Rushville and Rush County. Rushville's contribution has been received, but had not yet been deposited. Gordon to follow-up with Rush County regarding READI 2.0 contribution status.
- **Consultants** – Mason Gordon provided a consultant report on behalf of HWC Engineering:
 - **Project Updates** –
 - **Disbursements:** Gordon shared that a total of \$2,493,723 of READI funds have been disbursed to the region's projects to-date. Gordon added that there are disbursements of \$291,360 pending approval in the Grants Management Tool. Gordon also noted that all READI funds had been disbursed to Diamond Pet Foods making it the 5th ARI READI project with funds fully disbursed.
 - **RDA Updates** – Gordon provided a report on the Fiscal Agent transition.
 - **READI Grant Agreement:** Gordon shared that Robbins and DCCF have signed an amendment to DCCF's READI Grant Agreement with IEDC prepared by the Development Board's legal counsel. Gordon noted that the agreement is still pending IEDC's signature, but IEDC had approved the agreement language.



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- **Project Subrecipient Agreements:** Gordon noted that the Development Board’s legal counsel has drafted a form subrecipient agreement for all projects with outstanding disbursements.
- **Staff - None**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- **ARI READI Steering Committee –**
 - **Meeting Report:** Robbins presented two committee reports from the ARI READI Steering Committee’s December 12th, 2023, and January 3rd, 2024, meetings. Gordon shared that the bulk of both meetings were preparing for the READI 2.0 site visit. The Development Board reviewed and discussed the reports.
 - **READI 2.0 Updates:**
 - **January 16th Site Visit:** Gordon provided several updates relating to the READI 2.0 site visit scheduled for January 16th:
 - **Agenda:** Gordon shared the draft agenda for the site visit. The Development Board reviewed and discussed the agenda.
 - **Deliverables:** Gordon shared several deliverables for the site visit including a magazine produced to highlight READI 1.0 successes and a video to showcase READI 2.0 strategies. The Development Board reviewed and discussed the deliverables.
 - **Motion:** Saner moved to approve the agenda and deliverables presented for the READI 2.0 site visit. Toll seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
 - **Lilly Endowment Announcement:** Gordon shared that Governor Holcomb announced during his State of the State address that the Lilly Endowment had given an additional \$250 million to the READI 2.0 program for blight/redevelopment and arts/culture projects. The Development Board discussed the news and potential implications for ARI.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Old Business –** Robbins noted that Gordon’s earlier consultant report covered the Old Business portion of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Invoices –** Gordon presented five invoices for approval and payment by the Development Board. Invoice #2023-162-S-8 dated 12/31/2023 from HWC Engineering totaling \$28,405.17, #3176717 dated 11/13/2023 from Barnes and Thornburg totaling \$2,019.00, #3190213 dated 12/12/2023 from Barnes and Thornburg totaling \$2,865.00, #3202499 dated 1/10/2024 from Barnes and Thornburg totaling \$4,958.00, and invoice #83583 dated 12/30/2023 from PBSK Partners PC totaling \$1,500.00 were presented. Gordon noted that \$20,860.17 of HWC’s invoiced amount was



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for READI 2.0 planning services. The Development Board reviewed and discussed the invoices. Everhart moved to pay the invoices from the RDA's READI administrative funding. Saner seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

- **Election of Officers** – Gordon apologized for neglecting to include the election of 2024 officers of the Development Board on the agenda. Everhart moved to nominate the current slate of Development Board officers to continue serving in their current positions for 2024. Saner seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The 2024 officers of the Development Board shall be as follows: Bryan Robbins (Chair), Andy Saner (Vice Chair), and Bruce Everhart (Secretary/Treasurer).

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Development Board. Everhart moved to adjourn. Toll seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Bruce Everhart, Secretary-Treasurer