



**Accelerate Rural Indiana
Regional Development Authority
Development Board Special Meeting
Friday, September 15th, 2023
1:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Development Board of the Accelerate Rural Indiana Regional Development Authority (Development Board) met for a Special Meeting on the above date and time at 314 W Washington St, Greensburg, Indiana 47240. Bryan Robbins called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Virgil Bremer, Bruce Everhart, Bryan Robbins, Andy Saner, and David Toll answered roll call. No members were 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 August 11th, 2023, meeting of the Development Board were presented. Everhart moved to approve the minutes as presented. Bremer seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, CONSULTANTS, AND STAFF:

- **Officers** – Everhart presented the ARI RDA Development Fund August 2023 statement as the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Everhart to follow-up with First Financial Bank regarding the status of checks for the account.
- **Consultants** – Mason Gordon provided a consultant report on behalf of HWC Engineering:
 - **Project Updates** – Gordon shared that a total of \$1,810,556 of READI funds have been disbursed to the region's projects. Gordon added that there are disbursements of \$417,717 pending approval in the Grants Management Tool. Gordon shared a picture of the ARI regional representatives present at a groundbreaking ceremony for Rushville's Community Center on September 7th and noted that Inside Indiana Business featured a story on the project. Gordon also shared that Greensburg's Inclusion Park is officially open to the region, becoming the region's fourth READI project to reach completion.

compliance with Open Door Laws to ensure the Steering Committee meetings did not need to be publically noticed.

- Legal Counsel recommended clarifying that the Steering Committee has the power to investigate and report and does not have the power to act. Toll moved to amend the April 2023 Development Board meeting minutes to clarify that the ARI READI Steering Committee has ‘the power to investigate and report’ and also amend the April 2023 Development Board meeting minutes to state that the Development Board meets monthly on the ‘second Friday’ not the ‘second Tuesday.’ Saner seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Gordon reported that Legal Counsel also recommend designating a Development Board representative and alternative to the ARI READI Steering Committee. Bremer nominated Robbins as the Development Board’s representative to the ARI READI Steering Committee and Toll as an alternative representative. Saner seconded the nomination. Nomination was approved unanimously.
- **Small Purchases Policy** – Everhart presented a draft resolution establishing a Small Purchases Policy for ARI RDA expenditures under \$50,000. The Development Board discussed the resolution. Bremer moved to submit the resolution for review by Legal Counsel as presented. Toll seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. The Development Board asked Gordon to submit the draft resolution to Legal Counsel.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

- **Community Foundation Involvement in READI 2.0** – Everhart reported that he met with the Blue River Community Foundation regarding READI 2.0. Everhart shared that the foundation expressed interest in becoming more involved in READI 2.0. The Development Board discussed various ways to get the region’s community foundations more involved in the READI process. Everhart moved to ask the ARI READI Steering Committee to discuss community foundation involvement in READI 2.0 at their next meeting. Bremer seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Development Board. Bremer moved to adjourn. Toll seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.



Bruce Everhart, Secretary-Treasurer