

NEISDC Meeting Minutes

Location: The Regional Chamber, V2030 Conference Room
Date: February 23, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Facilitator: The Regional Chamber

Agenda Items

DETERMINE QUORUM

We have a quorum. Attending are Steven McMichael, Sharon Tucker, Stephane Frijia, Mark Wickersham, Travis Holdman, Richard Strick, Ryan Twiss, Mike Watson, Andrew Briggs, Bill Konyha, Keith Thornton, Ron Turpin

APPROVE AGENDA

Andrew Briggs moved to approve the agenda, second by Richard Strick, and passed unanimously.

Chairman Turpin had an unavoidable delay and attended at 3:20 p.m. for the balance of the meeting. In the Chairman's absence, Board Treasurer Mayor McMichael called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The board agreed by consent to have Mayor McMichael lead the meeting and to amend the agenda to move agenda item "Char Report" to the arrival of Chairman Turpin.

The agenda was approved, and the minutes from the January meeting were mailed.

APPROVE THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

Mike Watson moved to approve last month's minutes, second by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

PROCESS / PROCEDURE DISCUSSION

A robust discussion was held regarding Processes and Procedures with input from Senator Travis Holdman regarding the path forward.

Ron requested a monthly report for projects from the portal. Ryan & Mayor Strick brainstormed an application process overview and a follow-up process for applicants before taking anything to the state budget agency.

Plug & Play, Housing Symposium, and The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana Member Dues are projects approved by the Commission. The state budget agency recommended \$5M draws to streamline the funding process for projects. Make My Move needs to have their formal proposal ready for next month's meeting.

Steven McMichael suggested appointing the two new Commission Members to committees. Mark Wickersham requested to be appointed Housing & infrastructure, and Craig Snow will attend the Talent committee. Steven will add Craig and Mark's contact information to the contact list.

Sen. Holdman asked if there would be a matching standard for projects. Mayor McMichael noted that the average is 4:1 as a goal. Sharon Tucker asked for further clarification: Is 4:1 committed or 4:1 cash in hand? The application proposal must be redone by sunset if the project doesn't have a capital stack.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

None.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 22nd 2024

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3:45 p.m.

Ron Turpin, NEISDC Chairman

Bill Konyha, NEISDC Secretary