

# NEISDC Meeting Minutes

Location: The Regional Chamber, V2030 Conference Room  
Date: May 24, 2024  
Time: 3:00 pm  
Facilitator: The Regional Chamber

## Agenda Items

### DETERMINE QUORUM

Travis Holdman, Mike Watson, Keith Thornton, Ron Turpin, Bill Konyha, Steven McMichael, Andrew Briggs, Richard Strick, and Mark Wickersham are in attendance. Ron Turpin determined that we have a quorum.

### APPROVE AGENDA

Steve McMichael motioned to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Travis Holdman and approved unanimously.

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING

Andrew Briggs moved to approve the minutes of the April Meeting, seconded by Mike Watson, and approved them unanimously.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bill Konyha spoke about the contact list; Steven will update Mike Watson's contact and county information. Current appointments to the commission will continue. Ryan Twiss and Steve Townes have developed a plan to deal with technical issues with the NEISDC website with the NEI Team.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- GOAL I COMMITTEE (TALENT ATTRACTION & RETENTION)

None

- GOAL II COMMITTEE (TALENT DEVELOPMENT)

None

- GOAL III COMMITTEE (HOUSING)

Steve McMichael brought before the commission a proposal to fund a "Regional Housing Fund" in the amount of \$10M. The budget for this request is attached to these minutes. Mayor

McMichael briefed the commission on a 5-year overview and the proposed 2-year budget included in the advance material to increase the population growth of Northeast Indiana. The effort is to create a sustainable plan for future development efforts in the region depending on RDA or READI gap funding in the future. Senator Holdman asked for an “elevator pitch” to take the statehouse regarding this request. Mayor Strick asked for clarification on the data sets involved in understanding the housing needs in a community. Steve McMichael explained that the data would be specific to each county (i.e., zoning reform) to provide a best practice template. Ryan Twiss added to the discussion about the region's market potential analysis needs and the need to update some communities' information. Bill Konyha noted that the county planning agency will take the information and advise the local government as needed. The approval process for earmarked gap funding will follow standard approval procedures. Travis Holdman noted it would be helpful if a map of the region's water and sewer service and the incorporated areas surrounding cities could be developed. Richard Strick noted we should look within the region for educational pieces and resources for this project.

A motion to approve the request from the committee was made by Andrew Briggs and seconded by Mark Wickersham. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 28TH, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:42 pm.