

Strategic Development Commission of Northeast Indiana Minutes July 24, 2021

Present for the meeting:

Travis Holdman, Matt Lehman, Ron Turpin, Michael Vanover, Steven McMichael, Andrew Briggs, Richard Strick, Sharon Tucker, Keith Thornton, Cary Groninger, Jeff Turner, Scott Carr, Bill Konyha

Minutes:

Determination of a quorum

Approval of the agenda

Bill Konyha determined we had a quorum (5 voting members). Bill asked the group to introduce themselves.

Introduction of the author of HEA 1238

The governor may come to Fort Wayne for a ceremonial signing of HEA 1238. Dave Heine thanked everyone for joining. He emphasized that we must have one voice to represent the region.

Introduction of legislators & remarks

Remarks of congratulations from Phil GiaQuinta and Travis Holdman

Appointment of Travis Holdman as Interim Chairman

Nomination of election of officers

Michael Vanover motioned to approve the appointments as proposed, second by Andrew Briggs and passed unanimously. Ron Turpin was elected as Chairman. Travis Holdman was elected Vice-Chairman. Steven McMichael was elected as Treasurer. Travis Holdman motioned to appoint Bill Konyha & The Regional Chamber as the Secretary. Bill Konyha accepted.

Pass gavel to the newly elected chair.

Ron Turpin is appointed as the elected chair.

Development of Strategic Development Plan

Actions and performance dates

Ron Turpin discussed the challenges of meeting the calendar guidelines and other criteria and working with TIP, GFW, and the LEDOs. Ron Turpin proposed having a working report by September 30, 2021. Steven McMichael concurs with the idea proposed by Ron Turpin. Ron thinks a \$50,000 budget is a feasible amount of money to accomplish the commission's goal. Sharon Tucker agreed that the idea is sound but has questions about implementation. Richard Strick asked for more information on why TIP Strategies was selected rather than another group. He pointed out that we need to focus on the region's culture to ensure no mission drift in all the agencies participating in the commission. The next meeting includes a meeting with TIP.

Meeting schedule

Steven will send a Doodle Poll to find the best time for the next meeting by Monday, July 26, 2021.

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Public Comment

Scott Carr offered thanks and congratulations.

Items from members

Ron asked if there was the best time for most of the group to meet. Sharon asked for a mid-day cadence for future meetings.

Next meeting

It's TBD based on feedback from the Doodle poll.

Adjourn

Ron Turpin motioned to adjourn at 4:40 pm, second by Sharon Tucker, and passed unanimously.