Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission August 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on August 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Present in person were John Mensch, Kristi Hartzburg, Gregg Roudebush, and Scott Carmichael. Absent was Chris Cornelius. Also present were Commission attorney Marvin Abshire, Greene County Economic Development Director Brianne Jerrels, and Community Development Specialist Ashley Veatch.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag. The meeting was called to order by John Mensch.

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2021 regular meeting. A motion was made by Gregg Roudebush and seconded by Scott Carmichael to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development Corporation Director Brianne Jerrels' report is summarized as follows:

- 1. Brianne is working on housing developments in the Eastern-Greene area.
- 2. A defense contractor is seriously looking at Greene County.
- 3. READI grant proposals were due at the end of July. Brianne submitted a broadband and housing proposal for Greene County.

John Mensch's WestGate report is summarized as follows:

- 1. WestGate turned in its READI grant submission.
- 2. WestGate will submit a request to the Build Back Better Regional Challenge despite fierce competition.
- 3. Grant opportunities are open to help the sewer plant at Crane Village. John will work with Lou Massette and others on a small committee.

- 4. UDWI REMC was not awarded the microgrid grant in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 which would have improved power-supply resiliency in the Crane/WestGate area. UDWI REMC intends to submit its application again next year.
- 5. The Master Plan is still moving forward. They would like to set up a Tech Park director position.
- 6. Indiana legislature services has fiscal study of tech parks underway.

The next item of business was an engagement letter from LWG CPA's and Advisors to provide ongoing municipal financial advisory services to the Redevelopment Commission for the calendar year 2022. The fees of \$4,500.00 include services for the Semi-Annual Financial Packets; Commission Annual Report/Gateway; Annual Entity Meeting; and TIF Neutralization Worksheets. A motion was made by Gregg Roudebush and seconded by Scott Carmichael to authorize the President of the Commission to sign the engagement letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Payment Certification 2021-06A was presented in the sum of \$2,000.00 for financial services. A motion was made by Scott Carmichael and seconded by Kristi Hartzburg to approve the Payment Certification as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment Certification 2021-06B was presented in the sum of \$750.00 for mowing services. A motion was made by Gregg Roudebush and seconded by Scott Carmichael to approve the Payment Certification as presented. Kristi Hartzburg abstained. The motion passed 3-0-1.

The next item of business was the Redevelopment Commission's 2022 budget. In anticipation of the Greene County Council approving a \$50,000.00 budget for the Redevelopment Commission for calendar year 2022, Budget Form No. 1 "Budget Estimate for 2022" and County Form No. 144 "Statement of Salaries and Wages Proposed to be Paid Officers and Employees Calendar Year 2022" were presented for review. After discussion, a motion was made by Scott Carmichael and seconded by Kristi Hartzburg to approve Budget Form No. 1 and County Form No. 144 as presented and authorize the President of the Commission to sign both forms and turn them in to Greene County Auditor's Office. Gregg Roudebush abstained. The motion passed 3-0-1.

Marvin Abshire presented Resolution 2021-02 "Resolution of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission Elements of its Business Relationship with Battery Innovation Center, Inc." A motion was made by Gregg Roudebush and seconded by Scott Carmichael to approve Resolution 2021-02. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Carmichael noted that the infrastructure bill allows for almost \$50 billion in broadbrand provisions and he believes that the Commission needs to keep an eye on this bill.

John Mensch thanked Scott Carmichael for his participation in the WTIU documentary, "Spirit of Greene County".

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kristi Hartzburg and seconded by Scott Carmichael to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2021.

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Chris Cornelius, Secretary