

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission
March 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on March 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Present in person were John Mensch, Karen Abrams, and Joshua Riggins. Absent were Scott Carmichael and Kris Jarman. Also present in person were Commission Attorney Marvin Abshire, Rick Graves, and Jim Brinson.

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

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2024, regular meeting. Karen Abrams moved, and Joshua Riggins seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, a claim was presented for payment to LWG CPA's & Advisors for an invoice in the amount of \$112.50 for professional services related to 2023 debt and lease schedules. Karen Abrams moved, and Joshua Riggins seconded, to approve the claim as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Brinson, of Century 21 Classic Realty with offices in Washington, Loogootee, and Linton, introduced himself to the Commission. He and his wife have property listed at I-69 and US 50 on the east side of Washington. Developers are also interested in 231 and I-69 properties. One developer flew in this week and is spending a lot of time looking at properties on 231. There has been interest from all over the country. Jim hopes at some point he may be able to deliver a prospect to the Commission for one or more lots in Progress Pointe.

Economic Development Corporation Director Brianne Jerrels provided a report as follows:

1. A consulting firm handling Brownfield redevelopment received a \$500K grant for digital sites. Original interest was in the former GE site but it has been rehabilitated.

2. Greg Jones and Lisa Abbott would like to organize a housing development workshop that will include topics on flipping, infill, and sites.
3. Mark Thomas and Ethan Fernhaber of Helix33, a renewing management firm out of Indianapolis, are looking into more renovation sites for housing in Bloomfield and Greene County.
4. Brianne attended part 2 of a housing summit where a worksheet was developed to help with the READI grant.


John Mensch's WestGate report is summarized as follows:

1. WestGate One dirt work has stopped.
2. Tom Wininger and Todd Carpenter are looking at restaurant funding and daycare space at Westcott.
3. High Bridge Solutions (HBSC) is coming soon.

Marvin Abshire added that dirt work stoppage at WestGate One may be a result of the slowness of the release of the CHIPS Act money.

There being no further business, Joshua Riggins moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVED this 18th day of April, 2024.



Joshua G. Riggins, Secretary