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MINUTES: Board of Directors Meeting

August 20, 2018

GWRPC- Albion, IL

Attendance:

| Present: | Absent: |
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| Terry McCoy | Wes Harris |
| Dennis Graves | Bill Gray |
| Gary Sloan | Rodney Ranes |
| Charlotte St. Ledger | Steve Hartsock |
| Don Price | Rob Dean |
| Randy Hallam | Tom Robinson |
| Larry Miller | George Bohman |
| Gerald Edgren | Roy Kissel |
| Roger Pefhtel | |
| Jim Pfeister | |
| Joe Judge | |
| Andrea Hays | |
| Scott Merkle | |
| Mike Knight | |
| Kim Carlson | |
| Brent Maguire | |
| Rob Annis | |
| Alex Pleasant | |
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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Joe Judge, Board Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Judge, Board Chairman, asked for approval of March 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Scott Merkle to approve the minutes. A second came from Gary Sloan and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of January and February Financial Report

Joe Judge asked for approval of the March, April, May and June Financial Report. A motion was made by Larry Miller to approve the Financial Report as presented. A second came from Scott Merkle and the motion passed unanimously.

**An EDA Designated Economic Development District
Crawford-Edwards-Lawrence-Richland-Wabash-Wayne-White**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

RLF Committee- Prestige Wine and Liquor, LLC has put in an RLF loan request for \$50,000. They will purchase the old Liquor Rack business located at 1707 W. Main St. in Robinson for \$310,000. The loan from First Robinson Savings Bank is \$216,000. They will be putting in cash in the amount of \$94,000. They will also need approximately \$50,000 for building upgrades and repairs. The total project cost is expected to be \$360,000. There are 5 people in the LLC. The loan committee is recommending approval for \$50,000 at 3.75% for 20 years with a second mortgage behind the bank and a UCC. The promissory note will be an adjustable rate every 5 years tied to the federal guideline of 75% of prime with a floor of the original 3.75%. Gary Sloan made a motion to approve the loan as presented, Alex Pleasant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business-

The EDA RLF regulations have changed, and we will no longer need to have a separate account for “sequestering” excess funds. The account at Citizens Bank can be closed and the money added to the loan funds at First National Bank of Allendale. A motion was made by Scott Merkle to close the RLF Sequester account at Citizens Bank and deposit the money into the account at First National Bank of Allendale. Jim Pfiester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City of Olney has asked us to take over their RLF funds. They will no longer have an RLF lending program. Sarah has received approval from EDA for this. EDA will need a merger resolution and an agreement between the City and GWRPC. A motion was made by Scott Merkle to approve the RLF Merger Resolution, seconded by Brent Maguire. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jim Pfiester to approve the RLF agreement with the City of Olney. Rob Annis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sarah will send these documents to the City of Olney for signature and then to EDA.

David Savage has indicated his intent to retire in March 2019. Sarah would like to hire Mike Gill, PE as his replacement. He will work the same number of hours per week (16-20) but his wages will be paid for from the new IDOT grant that we received. The grant is for \$40,000 for two years. Mike’s wages will be set at \$19 per hour. Don Price made a motion to hire Mike Gill at \$19 per hour. Charlotte St. Ledger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report

Open CDAP Projects: Lawrenceville- 8th Street water lines project is finished and will be closed. West Salem- Sewer Lagoon Rehab will begin this fall.

CDBG Housing Rehab- Olney- We are still taking applications, we have 8 applications/homes that qualify so far. The grant is for 9 homes. Two homes have been worked on so far.

2017 CDBG Grants awarded

1. City of Carmi- septic tank/sewer project- Marguerite Street- Admin \$10,000
2. Boyleston WaterWorks (Wayne County-Big Mound Township) Water to 7 homes with no public water supply. Admin \$10,000
3. Bridgeport- Sewer Lagoon Rehabilitation- Admin \$32,71

Current Projects:

RLF CLOSEOUT Projects

- Mt. Carmel (sidewalk project on Oak Street- paid off loan 5/1/18)- (around \$400,000) Possible \$28,000 admin
- Olney- \$260,813 (Elliott Street bridge project) \$18,256 admin- Submitted 7/24/18
- City of Carmi- Possible Admin between \$35,000- \$56,000. Industrial Ave. Road project and sewer lagoon project.

2018 CDBG Possibilities- DUE November 2nd

- Petrolia Water District- (Lawrence County)- Replace water lines
- Mt. Carmel project- sewer line
- Lawrenceville- sewer line project- HLR was redoing the map for the Census Tract.
- Sims- possible sewer line project
- Oblong- possible sewer lagoon rehab project

DRA grants-

- **Norris City sewer lift station- submitted May 2018**

USDA/RD- CF Grants- LWFPD- brush truck- submitted

IDOT RTP- Bike path feasibility study- White County- waiting on grant agreement.

EDA- Carmi Industrial Park Road and Storm Sewer Reconstruction- EDA funded

- IECC equipment was funded

*Our FY17/18 Audit is being completed as we speak and should be done by the September Board meeting.

Next Board meeting- Thursday, September 27, 2018.