

**PORTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**February 23, 2021 – MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: County Administrative Center, Ste 205  
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

TIME 4:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jason Gilliana, Jeremy Rivas, Steve Sularski, Jeff Good and Don Ensign. Also present were Kristy Marasco, Scott McClure, Bob Thompson and Vicki Urbanik.

Jeff Good called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge.

**Reorganization:**

**Motion:** Jason Gilliana nominated Jeff Good as President. Don Ensign second the motion and so approved.

**Motion:** Jeremy Rivas nominated Jason Gilliana as Vice President. Steve Sularski seconded the motion and so approved.

**Motion:** Jeremy Rivas nominated Steve Sularski as Secretary. Jason Gilliana seconded the motion and so approved.

**Motion:** Jeff Good moved to approve the appointment of Scott McClure as the RDC Attorney. Steve Sularski seconded the motion and so approved.

**Oath of Members:** Scott McClure administered the Oath of Office to all Board Members.

**Annual Report for 2020**

Vicki Urbanik presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2020. Expenditures for the year were \$1,379,325.30. Revenue for the year was \$539,041.75. Fund balance at the end of the year is \$339,052.07. To that \$500,000 will be transferred from LIT and there will be Porter Hospital Abatement Fees. This puts the Fund balance for starting 2021 at approximately \$839,052.

**Approval of Invoices:**

Brandy's Lock and Key Shop – Invoice 122442 (\$127.00)

**Motion:** Don Ensign moved to approve invoice 122442 from Brandy's Lock and Key Shop in the amount of \$127.00. Jeremy Rivas seconded the motion and so approved.

**South Haven Sub-Station - Update**

Bob Thompson gave an update on the South Haven Sub-Station. The project is complete.

**Consultant Contract**

Jeff Good introduced Stu Summers. Stu gave the Board a brief summary of his work history and experience in consulting. For the last thirty years he has been with the Valparaiso RDC.

Jeff Good discussed the need to begin work on the US 6 Corridor from the hospital/Highway 49 west to Bay Road. It is his thought that Stu could be the center figure for this project. He would be able to study the corridor and decide how it should grow and work with Baker Tilly and others. Scott McClure added at the present there is no plan. Stu can prepare a plan and present options to the Board of how to proceed. Jeff Good added Baker Tilly will be working with Vicki Urbanik and Stu Summers on the financial aspect of this project. Board members all stated it will be good to see this project move forward. Stu Summers added it is good to have a plan. With a plan it is easier to apply for and receive matching grants for projects and receive other funding.

The terms of Stu Summer’s contract were discussed.

**Motion:** Jeff Good moved to approve a consulting contract with Stu Summers with a Not to Exceed amount of \$25,000 - average 15 hours per week at \$175.00 per hour. Steve Sularski seconded the motion and so approved.

Stu stated this project will start out fast and have a lot of time involved in it. It will hit a plateau while waiting on answers from various individuals and then will get busy again when work on projects begins.

**Baker Tilly**

Jeff Good stated Baker Tilly is already working on projects for the County. They will be a nice fit with Stu Summers.

**General Discussion:**

Jeff Good discussed the possibility of purchasing the State Highway Garage on US 30. He will keep the Board advised.

Jeff Good discussed Cherokee Trail - South County. This will also be a project Stu Summers can work on.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Jeff Good, President

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Bob Thompson, Director