

# Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

## Regular Board Meeting

07/24/2025

Present: Mark Fulk, Rick Homkes, Cindy Hurst, Kevin Johnson

Absent: Myrna Claar, Ned Sutherland

Guest(s): Megan Reel

Start: 18:02

## Topics

### Welcome

- The meeting was opened by President Mark.

### Minutes

- Mark asked Rick to read the draft June minutes. Motion by Kevin to accept the minutes as read, second by Rick. With no other discussion, Mark accepted the minutes as read.

### Finance

- Not many transactions for this year. In June we received money from the County (~\$64K) and in July we paid out to Clifford Signs and Pro-Turf. We have expended ~\$19.8K so far this year and our unspent appropriation for this year is a little over \$80K.

### Town Signage

- The signage for Western Schools Champions has been sent to four vendors.
- There has been a request to remove the North and South Union signs. Kevin noted that the farmer on South Union has installed a new drive and is having problems getting in and out. Notice has been sent to the superintendent regarding these removals and asking for comment.
- The team championships won by Western High School in the IHSAA were reviewed. A change was noted that signage would also include state championships in the jazz / show choir competition.
- We will look at bids next month.

### TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Nothing new to report.

### South Union Crossover Project

- Nothing new to report.

### Speed Display Project

- Marshal Josh likes the All Traffic portable speed signs. Mark will be looking at a new quote from them. Concern was expressed by Kevin and Mark regarding software compatibility and maintenance.

#### Facebook Response to Comment Request

- Rick summarized the comments that came in. Rick noted that the new playground at Community Center Park has received state approval for a \$325K grant and that the Park & Tree Board raised the matching \$325K. This has now gone to the federal government for approval.
- Others comments include planting flowers in the area between sidewalks and streets, new lighting at the ball fields, a swing by the ball parks, upgrading the Russiaville Museum (Interurban), trail on the current railroad pathway, splash pads for kids, sidewalks – specifically down Chandler / Dollar General, community garden, telephone pole wraps for town street art, town mural, and recruiting a dentist for the town.
- Further discussion occurred regarding pickleball courts. In addition, last night the Park & Tree Board had a Fun-Fest for children with ~160 in attendance. Mark expressed appreciation for their work.

#### Budget

- Kevin commented that that the odds of building the pavilion this year are not high, and a short discussion of expenditures and timing resulted.

#### Closing

- Motion made by Kevin to close the meeting, second by Rick. Motion carried.
- Meeting ended at 18:38.

#### Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of August, 8/28/2025 at 18:00.

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