

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Regular Board Meeting

2/27/2025

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

Absent: Myrna Claar

Guest(s): None

Start: 18:00

Topics

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by President Mark Fulk, who then welcomed the new school representative to the Board, Cindy Hurst.

Minutes

- A draft of the minutes was sent to everyone last month and yesterday. Mark asked if everyone had received the minutes, then asked for corrections. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Rick, second by Kevin to approve as presented. Vote unanimous to approve.

Finances

- Rick reported that the balance on hand in the TIF fund is \$331,825. The income in '24 was ~\$86K.

Community Center Park Picnic Shelter / Pavilion

- The financial report and a question by Mark led to a discussion of the Community Center shelter project. Rick reported that he had again spoken to Dave Kieser regarding the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant submitted by the Town / Park & Tree Board. The state has still not released the awardees of the grant. As mentioned before, any money spent on the project before a grant award would no longer be eligible for use as a match. Another town has stated that they must move forward with their projects and are no longer counting on the LWCF grant. Dave also stated that the state already has the money from the federal government. This project remains on hold.

Town Signage

- Mark reported that Amy from Clifford Signs had updated him that dig locations are in the works and that we should be seeing progress soon. Rick asked if the current "Welcome to Russiaville" signs could be repurposed into a sign containing Mason and Lions emblems / wordage. This was discussed favorably by the Board but no action taken since the signs from Clifford are not yet installed. Mark stated that the old green road signs should be removed once the new signage is in place.

Sidewalk Crosswalk on South Union / Electronic Speed Signs

- Mark reported that a quote has been received for four electronic speed signs and that a second one should be received soon. Regarding the crosswalk, Rick said again that Dave Kieser is planning to submit a Safe Streets for All grant for this project. It is an 80/20 grant and is due in March 2025. If we were to get this grant it would greatly reduce our expenditures.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Rick had talked to Dave Kieser and that there have been some personnel changes at Dave's office. Megan has left and the new person (designer) is working on our maps. Dave said that he would be talking to Adam Steuerwald (Legal) and Steve Brock (Finance) within the coming week. Otherwise nothing new to report.

Community Center

- Mark reported that the rent for the Stout Community Center has been raised by the Town Council from \$200 to \$300 per day. Kevin said that the increase was needed and should be manageable. It was also discussed that many reservations have already been taken under the old amount.

Future planning

- Rick brought up several ideas for future planning on the Board. These included a generator, sidewalks, a shopping center facelift, and a mural. Ned then brought up that any actions would be much more fruitful if everyone moved in the same direction. Moved by Ned, second by Rick to have a joint meeting for future planning. This would include a couple of Council members and a school district staff member(s). Motion passed unanimously. Mark will invite.

Closing

- Having no other business, request by Mark for motion to adjourn. Moved by Rick, seconded by Ned to end the meeting. Approved unanimously.
- Meeting ended at 19:06.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of March, 3/27/2025, at 18:00.

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