

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Clark, Cohen, Elzemeyer, Green, Guiley, Hackman, Meredith, Upchurch, Warner, Witte

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Barrett

STAFF PRESENT: Shaffer, Geres

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Ahaus, Kevin	Hollis, Misty	Ronald, Louise
Anderson, Sheral	Holthouse, Amy Oler	Salter, Danielle
Ball, Lenny	Huffine, Jeff	Salzarulo, June
Beeson, Christopher	Jeffers, Jeff	Saunders, Gary
Bitner, Joyce	Kates, Gene	Sawyer, Dan
Borchers, Steve	Kinyon, Craig	Scalf, Karen
Bosworth, Kris	Lagemann, Paul	Soukup, Mark
Bowne, Andrew	Lane, Jeff	Sowers, George
Burns, Denny	Lingle, Paul	Speessen, Jody
Butters, Mary Anne	Luther, Lori	Stover, Jason
Chamness, Joe	Martin, Gail	Tabeling, Chuck
Cole, Rick	Martindale, Chuck	Templin, Randy
Coleman, Chris	Mitchell, Sarah	Thurlow, Kim
Coleman, Stephanie	Nocton, Sandy	Underwood, Scott
Cordero, Hector	Oler, Ron	Upchurch, Bruce
Fowler, Mick	Pappin, Diana	Walker, Mary
Frame, Tim	Parsons, Laurie	Wandersee, Daniel
Fulton, Dave	Paust, Kenneth	Warner, Craig
Gaddis, Mike	Plasterer, Jeff	Weinert, Robin
Groth, Norene	Poinsett, Kim	Whitehead, Molly
Hamm, Dick	Powell, Bob	Winget, Don
Hauptstuek, John	Ray, Valerie	Wright, Scott
Hays-Mussoni, Stephanie	Reed, Susan	Zhong, Lee

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Cohen called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:01 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond, Indiana.

2013 REVIEW

Past Treasurer Tracie Upchurch reviewed 2013 including work on the strategic plan, developing EDIT grant qualification guidelines, and the projects that would later be recognized in the meeting.

2014 OVERVIEW

Current Chair Jim Cohen presented the work plan for 2014.

RECOGNITION OF PAST CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Cohen presented Tracie Upchurch and Kevin Ahaus with a token of the EDC's appreciation for their service on the EDC Board; Tracie as past chair and Kevin as an outgoing board member.

Tracie Upchurch was appointed to the EDC Board of Directors in 2009 as a representative for the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce. Tracie was re-appointed for a second term in 2012. During her tenure on the EDC board she has served on the Marketing and Communication, Finance and Executive Committees. She served as chair of the board in 2013.

Kevin has served a total of 9 years on the EDC Board of Directors. He was first appointed to the board in 2001 serving a three-year term as an appointee of the Mayor of the City of Richmond. He was appointed to the EDC board for a second time in 2008 as a representative of the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce, and in that role has served two consecutive three-year terms which concluded in 2013. During Kevin's time on the EDC board he has served in many capacities including 2010 chair of the board; committees including Executive, Marketing, Finance, Personnel and Industrial Park; and on the Incubator Taskforce.

COMPANY RECOGNITIONS

Valerie Shaffer recognized and presented a plaque to the following companies and their representatives and thanked them for their investment in Wayne County in 2013:

Finance System, Inc. – Chris Coleman, Vice President

Matthews International Corporation – Scott Wright, Director of Metal Manufacturing

Paragon Casket, Inc. – Lenny Ball & Craig Warner, Owners

Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC – Hector Cordero, Plant Manager; Danielle Salter, Quality Manager; and Jason Stover, Maintenance Manager

The Stride Rite Corporation – Dan Sawyer, Senior Director of North American Operations for Wolverine Worldwide and Laurie Parsons, Director of Dealer Services

The following companies were recognized, but were unable to attend: Maxwell Milling of Indiana, Inc.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lori Luther, board chair of Energize – East Central Indiana spoke to the attendees about the core industries with growth in our region, strengths that east central Indiana has to offer, the importance of regionalism, and an overview of Energize-East Central Indiana as an organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Cohen adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014
EDC Board Room, 500 S A Street, Suite 2, Richmond, IN 47374**