

BROWN COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday February 20, 2024

There was a meeting held on Tuesday February 20, 2024 in the Salmon room at the Brown County office building of the Regional Development Commission (RDC). In attendance was reappointed Commission member Sue Lindborg, and newly appointed Commission members Ross Benson and John Curry. The members were informed that there was a fourth member who was newly appointed, name is Bill Cayne, who was not in attendance. The Commission has also been notified that Stephanie Kritzer will also serve on the board as the School Board Appointment. Also in attendance in the audience was Jimmy Tilton and Blake Wolpert.

It did not appear that there were any minutes to be read from the last meeting that the RDC may have held, and it is not certain when the last time this Commission actually held a meeting. The members sat for a bit and got to know each other, discussed what vision each of us had for the Commission, and discussed that the first thing to do would be to elect officers for the board. A motion was made to appoint Ross Benson as president of the Commission, the motion was seconded and then voted affirmative. Another motion was made to appoint Sue Lindborg as vice president. The motion was seconded and then voted affirmative. Another motion was made to appoint Bill Cayne as the secretary of the RDC. The motion was seconded and voted affirmative.

In the opening discussions ideas were put forward relative to the purpose of the RDC. It was discussed that the RDC should forward ideas to the county commissioners with respect to a county master plan, striving to protect Brown County property values and work towards promoting increased housing and job availability within Brown County. Second, but not secondary, were ideas to promote the ecological health of the county and enhance the county's position as the greatest tourist destination in the state of Indiana.

Sue Lindborg mentioned that she had been in discussion with some of the members of the Nashville town RDC, and they were preparing to interview firms who would be in a position to develop the Town of Nashville master plan in conjunction with their RDC. The board agreed to appoint Sue Lindborg as a liaison to the town of Nashville RDC, and enter discussions to find positive ways to cooperate and work with them in their interview process to see if the county could share in those resources. Sue also mentioned that there were several funding opportunities that were currently taking applications, the board is not certain it is in a position to make any applications at the moment, but felt it was necessary to begin making these plans so we would be better positioned to apply for funding in the next series.

The board also discussed the necessity of having an agency who would be in a position to write grant applications when the time comes to search for funding for any of the various proposals that the RDC may put forward to the county.

The RDC noted that the next meeting of the Commission would be on March 19th, 2024 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Salmon Room, BC Annex.