

Union County Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 2022 at Noon

Board Members Present:

Diana Bourne
Tim Woodruff
Brian Bias
Brenda Paxton
Julie Coffman

Employees Present:

Melissa Browning
Dawnn Ripberger

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm on May 4, 2022 by Brian Bias.

April 2022 Minutes – The April meeting minutes were discussed and approved as written. Julie Coffman made a motion to approve the minutes, Brenda Paxton seconded. All board members voted unanimously to approve.

April 6 – May 4, 2022 Financials – The financials were discussed and approved as reported. Diana Bourne made a motion to approve the financials, Tim Woodruff seconded. All board members voted to unanimously approve. Melissa checking into the balance of the Utility account for Water.

Old Business:

- Quarterly reporting done at 4/18/22 Liberty Town Council meeting by Steven DeLorenzo. They do not want to receive monthly meeting minutes, just the quarterly reports. President Barnhizer requested to add next quarter goals to the report.

New Business:

- Updates:
 - The Daily Scoop has delayed their opening until later in May because they've had to install a handicap restroom.
 - House of Spuds has closed in West College Corner to spend time working on their new location in Liberty next to Pollitt's Pitstop.
 - Brew Slice – soft opening was big. Working out the kinks.
- OCRA READI Grant - \$16 million to the region. Melissa spoke to IN EDC representative about the big money being awarded to big communities. Rep said the READI Grant went by population. Melissa doesn't look for much of the \$16 million to come to Union County.
 - READI Grant second run possibly coming soon.
- Mural
 - Bob Jenkins
 - GoFundMe at \$17,770 plus have about \$6,500 in donations sent into office.
 - Getting contract from Pamela Bliss to Terry Linger to submit to the estate.
 - Jenny from Channel 13 News has been in contact with Melissa about covering story.

- NSK – received tax abatement from the county. \$25 million abatement for 10 years. [REDACTED]
- Duck Regatta – Melissa was at Smokin’ on the Water selling tickets.
- Melissa purchased ferns (6) with her own money. Diana Bourne made a motion to reimburse Melissa for the purchase, \$66. Brenda Paxton seconded. All board members voted unanimously to approve.
- Gaming waivers have been filed and received back for all Live in Liberty events, Duck Regatta, and 4th of July. Melissa will file the one for Harvest Fest at a later date.
- The Guides are in! We will get distributed asap.
- The Union County Cancer Association will be splitting the volunteers and proceeds for the dunk tank at the 4th of July Festival.
- Shell approached UCDC about a new community program where Shell selects a 501c3 and donates \$0.01 for every gallon at a specific pump. The pump will be wrapped with info about the Liberty Beautification Fund. Program runs August-October.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm by Brian Bias.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Noon.