

Union County Development Corporation  
Board of Directors Meeting

September 7, 2022 at Noon

Board Members Present:

Tim Woodruff  
Brian Bias  
Brenda Paxton  
Diana Bourne  
Steven DeLorenzo

Employees Present:

Melissa Browning  
Dawnn Ripberger

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm on September 7, 2022 by Brian Bias.

August 2022 Minutes – The August meeting minutes were discussed and approved as written. Steven DeLorenzo made a motion to approve the minutes, Tim Woodruff seconded. Tim Woodruff, Brian Bias, and Steven DeLorenzo voted to approve. Diana Bourne abstained.

August 3 – September 7, 2022 Financials – The financials were discussed and approved as reported. Steven DeLorenzo made a motion to approve the financials, Tim Woodruff seconded. Tim Woodruff, Brian Bias, and Steven DeLorenzo voted to approve. Diana Bourne abstained.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- IEDC READI Grant – no updates have been given about the regional funds.
- Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 8th
  - Working on Sponsorships. Received commitments so far:
    - East Fork Transport – Band \$375
    - Cross Country Freight – Band \$375
    - Bath State Bank - Everything Pumpkin Baking Contest \$150
    - Whitewater Commons – Car Show Dash Plaques \$250
  - Movie - showing Hocus Pocus at dark
  - Scarecrow decorating contest. Collecting monetary votes at Kehila to raise money for Liberty Beautification fund.
  - Gayle Pierce and Linda Rosenberger will be decorating the Gazebo for fall.
- Christmas in Our Hometown – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Keeping carriage rides (sponsored by NSK) and train rides (sponsored by Neighborhood Health)
  - Not going to have reindeer again
  - Working on sponsorships for Ice Skating Rink

- So far have commitments from Parkside Realty, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Neighborhood Health, Reid, Pollitt's Pitstop, and Kehila Coffee. Total commitments so far \$5,000.
- The Giving Pump – Pump #3 at Liberty Shell. The Liberty Beautification Fund will received \$0.01 from every gallon pumped from 8/1/22-10/31/22. Help spread the word.
- Live in Liberty received an EPIC Award for “Organizing Committee of the Year.” Last concert is tonight, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Concert series went well this season and will be having a meeting to plan for next year.
- LWCF Grant that Melissa started in 2018 for the Nature Park. Grant paperwork was just finalized in 2021. The grant administrator, Dave Kieser, did not complete the required traffic count study and file paperwork with the State about the driveway. The driveway needs to widened or changed with State. Melissa has calls into Bob Bronson with DNR and to Dave Keiser.
- Job Descriptions – Board to discuss after meeting via email and will present at next monthly board meeting their changes.
- UCHS Tailgating
  - Diana brought this advertising opportunity to Melissa a few days before the game on 8/26. Got Woodruff's to give food to UCDC at cost and Transparent Turtle Graphics to print up shirts for the cheerleaders to throw at the home football game. Total cost was \$140.
  - 9/2 home game we did not do because there was not enough UCDC staff to cover it.
  - Next home game is Homecoming. Jay's Midlake is donating BBQ pulled pork and Sew What will be making shirts to throw.
- Brian received letter from UC Commissioner's requesting quarterly updates and/or minutes. Brian spoke to Cheryl Begely on 9/6 and told her that the UCDC meeting minutes are on the UCDC.us website and that are meetings are open to the public. Melissa and/or Dawnn will attend a future Commissioners meeting to provide the quarterly updates like we do for the Liberty Town Council and to see what future updates they will want. \*Update – Melissa and Dawnn to attend Commissioner's meeting on 9/16/22 to give them the quarterly updates.
- Melissa took information to Jim Barnhizer, LVFD Chief and to Dale Dishmond, UCSD about USDA grant that is a 70/30 and a FEMA grant that was for property acquisition. Also gave them names of qualified Indiana grant writers for these grants.
- Mural Dedication went well and was well attended. The speakers were great. Used \$141 of mural money for the new sign “Home of Bob Jenkins, Voice of the Indy 500” to be put on the Woodruff's property.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm by Brian Bias.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Noon.