

City of Wabash Redevelopment Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. | Wabash City Hall | 202 S. Wabash St., Wabash, IN 46992

General notes about this Meeting: *The public was informed of this meeting in several ways. First was via email notification to the media with the City of Wabash Redevelopment Commission master schedule, which is also posted in a public area in City Hall. The staff of City Hall were informed of the formats to field questions from the public. This format was in-person and via a public video conference utilizing the Zoom software accessible via a link on the meeting schedule shared publicly and on the agenda. <https://zoom.us/j/9928706626> | Meeting ID: 992 870 6626*

Commission Members Present In-Person: John Burnsworth, Doug Konkle, Jim Reynolds, Lynn Yohe

Commission Members Present Virtually: Marilyn Custer-Mitchell

Commission Members Absent: Jason Fry

Staff Present: Tenille Zartman, Amber White, Doug Lehman, Chelsea Parson

Guests Present: Mayor Scott Long; Melanie Penn, Wabash Clerk-Treasurer; Project Electro leads

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order on March 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. by Lynn Yohe.

Roll Call:

- John Burnsworth - present
- Marilyn Custer-Mitchell - present
- Jason Fry - absent
- Doug Konkle - present
- Jim Reynolds - present
- Lynn Yohe – present

Minutes:

Yohe presented the minutes sent prior to the meeting for the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Doug Konkle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and was duly seconded by Jim Reynolds.

- John Burnsworth - aye
- Marilyn Custer-Mitchell - aye
- Doug Konkle - aye
- Jim Reynolds - aye
- Lynn Yohe - aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices

Tenille Zartman recommended approval of the included invoices.

Reynolds made a motion to approve the invoices as presented and was duly seconded by John Burnsworth.

- John Burnsworth - aye
- Marilyn Custer-Mitchell - aye
- Doug Konkle - aye
- Jim Reynolds - aye
- Lynn Yohe - aye

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **NIPSCO Gas AMI- Northwest Wabash Land Request Letter**

Zartman explained that a letter was received by the RDC from NIPSCO requesting one acre of land for purchase to build a communications tower. The proposed acre was located in a developable area, but Grow Wabash County proposed alternative locations. NIPSCO has not responded to these proposed alternatives.

Zartman added that no action needs to be done but she wanted to inform the RDC of the pending conversations with NIPSCO.

Old Business:

- **Updated lease agreements for Wedcor land for cash rent**

Zartman explained that updates were made for the cash rent contract for McKillip seeds to farm on the 77-acre parcel currently owned by the City of Wabash.

Burnsworth made a motion to approve the lease and to allow Zartman to sign the lease on the 77-acre parcel on behalf of the RDC and was duly seconded by Konkle.

- John Burnsworth - aye
- Marilyn Custer-Mitchell - aye
- Doug Konkle - aye
- Jim Reynolds - aye
- Lynn Yohe - aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the 155-acre parcel, Zartman noted that there may be a need for activity on the site while crops are on there. To avoid paying a penalty the City will likely opt to not renew or accept the cash rent contract.

Konkle made a motion to approve the lease and to allow Zartman to sign the lease on behalf of

the RDC for the 155-acre parcel if needed and was duly seconded by Burnsworth.

- John Burnsworth - aye
- Marilyn Custer-Mitchell - aye
- Doug Konkle - aye
- Jim Reynolds - aye
- Lynn Yohe - aye

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Other Business Items**

Zartman noted that Mayor Scott Long will be attending the upcoming RDA meeting to hopefully secure the funding needed for upcoming projects with infrastructure and housing.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. by Yohe.