

FORT HARRISON REUSE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

The FHRA Board met in public session at 9120 Otis Avenue, FHRA conference room, Lawrence, IN at 12:30.

FHRA Board Members Present

Ms. Ann Lathrop, President  
Mr. Jeff Congdon, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Keith Mathews, Member

FHRA Staff

Ms. Kris Butler, Executive Director  
Ms. Doris Combs, Executive Assistant

Members of the Public

Ms. April Pyatt, Ice Miller

A copy of the public agenda is attached.

Meeting was called to order at 12:35.

1. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the August 5, 2008 minutes. Ms. Lathrop called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Congdon made the motion and Mr. Mathews seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the August 5, 2008 minutes.
2. The second item on the agenda was a status report from Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Congdon stated FHRA is putting together a 2009 budget which is a first for the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority. There have been discussions with Tom Ayres, Teipen, who does our bookkeeping. There should be a quarterly financial report available at the next board meeting.  
  
Ms. Lathrop stated the 2007 Audit Report would be available at the next board meeting.
3. The third item on the agenda was an Executive Director report. Ms. Butler stated the report was quite lengthy and had been forwarded to board members by e:mail board members earlier in the week. Board members will continue to receive updates by e:mail prior to board meeting.

Ms. Lathrop asked that a copy of the Executive Director's report be attached to the board minutes for public record.

Ms. Mathews stated the report was very informative.

4. The fourth item on the agenda is new business.

a. The first is a board resolution to use excess TIF bond money for skate park/water tower and other acceptable projects. Ms. Lathrop stated one-half million dollars is still available in the Capital Account related to the 2006 TIF bond proceeds. These proceeds can be used once the board adapts this resolution for certain types of capital projects. FHRA needs to use the money or we will be paying a fee to the IRS because they are tax exempt bonds and FHRA agreed to spend this money. Ms. Lathrop asked for a motion to adopt the resolution to use the excess TIF money for the skate park/water tower and other approved projects as deemed by the board.

Mr. Mathews asked what the cost would be for the water tower and how it would benefit FHRA?

Ms. Lathrop stated that this resolution would authorize FHRA, if they so chose in the future, to use the funds to do something with the water tower. But before FHRA would spend the money on the water tower it would come back to the board for approval

Mr. Congdon made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Mathews seconded. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution to use excess TIF bond money for skate park/water tower and other projects.

b. The second board resolution is consideration of Browning contract re-negotiations pending board discussion at FHRA retreat. It allows Ms. Butler, at the direction of the board, to enter into contract negotiations with Browning to come back to FHRA with a re-negotiated contract as it relates to our needs. Ms. Lathrop stated she thought it was important that the board do a public resolution indicating that Ms. Butler could enter into those re-negotiations based on feedback she received at our board retreat. No decisions can be made in an executive session. Ms. Lathrop asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Mathews made the motion and Mr. Congdon seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution for Ms. Butler to enter into contract negotiations with Browning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36

