

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Mike Hinrichsen, CHAIRMAN – EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**(Don White, Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Andrew Rand, Barry Logan, Chuck Nagel)**

**456 Fulton St. Suite 401**  
**Peoria, IL 61602**

***Monday, July 19, 2021***  
***5:15 p.m.***

***Minutes***

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mike Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present: Don White, Russ Crawford, and Andrew Rand. Virtual: Mike Hinrichsen, and Barry Logan.  
Absent: Greg Menold, Rita Ali, and Chuck Nagel. Staff: Eric Miller, Ray Lees, and Debbie Ulrich.
3. Public Input- none
4. Motion to approve June 21, 2021, minutes  
Don White moved to approve the June 21, 2021, minutes and Russ Crawford seconded. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report  
Eric Miller reported on the following:
  - Transition for accountant. Currently interviewing. Don White asked if it would be cheaper to hire our own. Russ Crawford added we should have in house. Barry Logan said we should not dismiss Gorenz totally in case status changes for new hire. Mike Hinrichsen and Barry Logan are on board if we keep Gorenz on shelf.
  - RFQ are in for insurances and will present to Ways & Means next month
  - Legal services RFQ's are being created
  - Staff reviews have begun, and employees raises are being discussed. COLA and CPI is up.
6. Discussion of meeting dates and times for Executive Board and Full Commission
  - Mike Hinrichsen started this conversation is for having quorum for meetings. According to the by-laws there is no virtual if the Governor's COVID rule is removed.
  - Russ Crawford asked to clarify email. He feels whatever majority is we will do. As for the rest of 2021 we should keep the times and dates as is since everyone has them scheduled in their calendar. If changes are made, they should start January 1, 2022.
  - Don White suggested we should suggest 2 times 1 in the a.m. and 1 in p.m. then take to Executive Board for approval.
  - Barry Logan agrees to pick 2 times and put to whole body. His first choice is a.m.
  - Mike Hinrichsen said we should put on agenda for discussion.

7. Motion to approve communication process for proposed Interplay Park project (*Memo*)  
Don White moved to approve communication process for proposed Interplay Park project and Russ Crawford seconded.  
Eric Miller presented the information on Interplay Park. The reason to address here is for Federal money approved by MPO. Kim Blickenstaff and Ray LaHood wants to reach out to Executive Board and Commission to address Interplay Park project.
- Don White said that 1 on 1 lack transparency. Wants to have them present at full group.
  - Russ Crawford added that at Phase 2 could be 1 on 1 if needed.
  - Barry Logan said to present to all.
  - Andrew Rand said he agreed.
  - Eric Miller added the plan is in Aug. or Sept. to meet with Kim Blickenstaff and Ray LaHood.
  - Eric Miller added the Transportation Bill has not passed yet.
  - Andrew Rand asked what is the funding formula?
  - Eric Miller said \$200M and 80/20% and 40% from organization. Rep. Spain said \$4M for planning and 100% will be funded.
  - Russ Crawford therefore we need to work together.
8. Discussion of Proposed Strategic Plan process
- Eric Miller, mention it has been 3 years since last plan and wonders if we should revisit or wait until all changes are made? We identified Chuck Maron in our budget, and have a 2-day event in the Fall or Spring of next year.
  - Andrew Rand mentioned it is important to have more in persons, have 25 names of faith leaders, etc. to encourage attendance. Put a Tri back into Tri County.
  - Mike Hinrichsen said we must recruit the right person to present and attend. TCRPC DNA for economic development.
  - Russ Crawford added we need to get beyond our borders and interest of communities.
  - Don White added speaker promotes attendance
  - Barry Logan said we would get better representation than before.
  - Eric Miller said he will have staff take on and report back to Executive Board.
9. Other  
Eric Miller said there is no announcement yet for recommendations for COVID Relief Funds
10. Adjournment  
Andrew Rand moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. and Don White seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by  
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Executive Director

Transcribed by  
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