

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Members of  
Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority**

October 12, 2018

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Schroeder called to order the meeting of the members of Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority ("**Mid-States**") at 4:00 P.M., EST, on October 12, 2018, in the Conference Room at the offices of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP, at 212 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Roll Call**

Chairman Mark Schroeder conducted a Roll Call.

Mark A. Schroeder	Present
Scott Blazey	VIA Teleconference
David Drake	VIA Teleconference
Sue Ellspermann	VIA Teleconference
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Present

Others present: William J. Kaiser, Jr.,  
Legal Counsel

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mark Schroeder, Chairman.

**Approval of Minutes**

The first order of business was the approval of the August 22, 2018 minutes, as corrected. Upon motion made by Sue Ellspermann, and seconded by Scott Blazey, the following resolution was introduced:

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the August 22, 2018 minutes of Mid-States, as corrected.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the August 22, 2018 minutes are hereby approved.

Chairman Schroeder then conducted a Roll Call to adopt the above resolution.

Mark Schroeder	Yes
Scott Blazey	Yes
Sue Ellspermann	Yes
David Drake	Yes
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Yes

**Business Procedures for Payment of Invoices / Vendors**

The next order of business was confirmation of business procedures for payment of invoices and vendors.

Chairman Schroeder requested the Board consider the establishment of certain business procedures and approvals for the payment of invoices and the approval of vendor invoices. Upon discussion, and upon motion made by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and seconded by Sue Ellspermann, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, the Chairman and Treasurer would have authority to approve payment of invoices in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 each;

**RESOLVED**, invoices and payments greater than \$10,000.00 would require the approval of the Board; and

**RESOLVED**, the payment of invoices shall be made as needed, and a report of the invoices and payments would be made at each regular quarterly meeting of the RDA.

Chairman Schroeder then conducted a Roll Call to adopt the above resolution.

Mark Schroeder	Yes
Scott Blazey	Yes
Sue Ellspermann	Yes
David Drake	Yes
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Yes

**INDOT Communications Policy**

Chairman Schroeder then discussed with the Board the evolving Communications Policy being negotiated with INDOT. This Communications Policy focuses on the need to maintain confidentiality in connection with the selection of the consultant for the Tier I EIS study.

Chairman Schroeder noted that INDOT has requested that the members of the RDA, as well as members of the RFP Committee do not discuss the information regarding the process with proposed consultants or other persons or companies who potentially could be vendors who would be participating in the bidding process to become the consultant for the Tier I EIS study.

Chairman Schroeder also requested that if inquiries are received by Board members, that those inquiries be forwarded to Chairman Schroeder for his response.

Chairman Schroeder also noted that Mid-States may determine in the future to establish a website in order to assist with communication to the public. It is expected that INDOT also will have on its website information regarding the Project. Chairman Schroeder noted that the consultant selected for the Tier I EIS study may also set up a Project website as part of its contract.

The Board then discussed the need for a website and confirmed that a website should be established, either through the consultant or separately by Mid-States.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Sue Ellspermann then reported to the Board as to the financial matters for Mid-States.

Ms. Ellspermann noted that Mid-States currently has \$752,903.02 in its bank account.

Ms. Ellspermann reported the total financial commitments as follows:

- Private contributor pledges:                                 \$3.8 Million
- Public entity pledges:   \$3.5 Million
  - City of Huntingburg - \$350,000
  - City of Jasper         - \$1.4 Million
  - Dubois County        - \$1.75 Million

**IEDC Grant Application**

Chairman Schroeder noted that it has come to his attention that Mid-States may have the opportunity to apply for a funding grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC"). Chairman Schroeder asked legal counsel Bill Kaiser to report further about the opportunity for a planning grant. Mr. Kaiser then reported that the IEDC has made available the opportunity for planning grants for RDAs within Indiana, and that several planning grants already have been awarded in 2018. Mr. Kaiser reported that initial conversations with the IEDC seem to indicate that Mid-States would have the right to apply for such a planning grant in 2019.

The Board then discussed the opportunity to apply for a planning grant for 2019.

Upon motion made by Sue Ellspermann, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the following resolution was introduced:

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation provides for planning grants with respect to regional development authorities; and

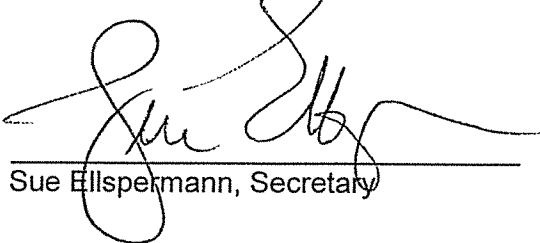
**WHEREAS**, Mid-States, being a regional development authority, believes it is in its best interest to apply for a planning grant for 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mid-States Corridor apply for a planning grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for 2019, and obtain the services of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in connection with the preparation of such planning grant.

Chairman Schroeder then conducted a Roll Call to adopt the above resolution.

Mark Schroeder	Yes
Scott Blazey	Yes
Sue Ellspermann	Yes
David Drake	Yes
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Yes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

  
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Sue Ellspermann, Secretary