

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

August 2, 2024

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Schroeder called to order the meeting of the members of Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (“**Mid-States**”) at 4:05 P.M., EST, on August 2, 2024, at the Huntingburg Event Center, 110 East 14th Street, Huntingburg, Indiana 47542.

Roll Call

Chairman Mark Schroeder conducted a Roll Call.

Mark A. Schroeder	Present
Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Present
Sue Ellspermann	Via Conference Call
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Via Conference Call

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

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

Public Attendees

It was noted there were 16 members of the public in attendance.

To the extent a registration and sign-in sheet was made available for members of the public to sign, it is attached.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was the approval of the May 3, 2024 minutes. A motion was introduced by David Drake, and seconded by Sue Ellspermann, and the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the May 3, 2024 minutes of Mid-States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the May 3, 2024 minutes are hereby approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Financial Report

Chairman Schroeder then asked Sue Ellspermann to report financial matters for Mid-States.

Ms. Ellspermann provided a summary on the Second Quarter Financial position and reported that the cash balance of the RDA Checking Account was \$238,932 as of 9/30/2024.

Chairman Schroeder provided a detailed Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the Second Quarter of 2024 and the Second Quarter Financial Statements prepared by BHP Tax & Accounting.

Chairman Schroeder further reported that the Dentons Bingham Greenebaum's June invoice was paid and that there still is pending an additional invoice for July 2024 from Dentons Bingham Greenebaum.

After discussion and upon motion made by David Drake, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLVED, that the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the Second Quarter of 2024 prepared by Chairman Schroeder and the Second Quarter Financial Statements prepared by BHP Tax & Accounting be accepted and approved.

Chairman Schroeder noted that RDA will not have ongoing project related expenses for the Tier 2 study because of INDOT funding.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Tier 2 Study Update

Chairman Schroeder then made the following opening remarks:

Mid-States will be a participating agency along with multiple State and Federal agencies who also will be involved.

Mid-States will not be providing any funding in regards to the Tier 2 study.

Mid-States will be taking a supportive role with respect to the Tier 2 study but will not be an active advocate as to any particular final outcome including the specific location of the proposed corridor.

Local government agencies will be able to advocate individually as to the outcome they desire or expect.

Chairman Schroeder noted that the Tier 2 study is a process-driven matter and that INDOT is very careful in the steps and procedures it needs to take under both State and Federal law.

Chairman Schroeder also noted INDOT used the same selection process in Tier 2 as it had in Tier 1 which resulted in the selection of Lochmueller Group as the contractor to complete the Tier 2 study.

Chairman Schroeder noted that there will be no open questions from the public related to the Tier 2 study or the Mid-States Corridor as those questions should be directed to INDOT or to the Lochmueller Group.

If there are specific questions with respect to the operations or structure of Mid-States, Chairman Schroeder would address those questions individually following the close of the meeting.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above report which a motion was made by David Drake and seconded by Sue Ellspermann.

Chairman Schroeder conducted a roll call vote to adopt the above report.

Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Other Business

Chairman Schroeder then discussed with the Board the Status of Tier 2 study.

Chairman Schroeder noted Tier 1 Study selected the proposed route for the Corridor.

Chairman Schroeder noted the Tier 2 Study will narrow the selected route from approximately 2,000 ft to 300-500 ft wide.

Chairman Schroeder noted INDOT has only committed funding for the current Tier 2 study in Dubois County, and that there is no known funding for Tier 2 studies in other parts of the Corridor.

Chairman Schroeder also noted that Lochmueller Group has reopened its offices at VUJC, 850 College Ave, Jasper, Indiana.

After discussion and upon motion made by Sue Ellspermann, and seconded by David Drake, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the Board has received the report by Chairman Schroeder as to additional information as to the completion of Tier 1 and the matter related to Tier 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Chairman Schroeder's report is hereby accepted and approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder then reviewed the future meeting dates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

Sue Ellspermann

Sue Ellspermann, Secretary