

## RDC Minutes - April 2, 2020

The April 2, 2020 meeting of the RDC was held virtually via telephone due to the Beech Grove City Hall being closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Members attended from their homes. Those present included President, Liz Lamping, Secretary, Cathy Chappell, Dave Grenoble, Barbara Hook and Nathan Rinks. School Board representative, Rick Skirvin did not participate. Attorneys Robert Rund and Alex Carlisle from the law firm of Lewis Kappes also participated by telephone.

Notice of this special telephonic meeting was provided to the public and a telephone number was given, in order that members of the public could call in and listen to proceedings of the meeting. The special meeting notice also informed the public of their opportunity to submit questions and comments to the Secretary of the Commission, if submitted by email at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

The first order of business was the election of a Vice President. Cathy Chappell nominated Nathan Rinks and Liz Lamping seconded. Liz Lamping, Cathy Chappell and Nathan Rinks voted in favor of Nathan Rinks and Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook voted no. The motion carried in favor of Nathan Rinks as the Vice President for the year 2020.

Next order of business was voting on the minutes from the February 2020 RDC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nathan Rinks and seconded by Dave Grenoble. The motion passed.

President, Liz Lamping, read the docket of outstanding invoices. Those included: Tim Showalter \$450.00, Merchants Bonding \$263.00, Beech Grove Sewage Works \$18.75, Lewis Kappes \$260.00, \$581.00 and \$2782.20, Peters Municipal Consultants, PC \$979.23. The aggregate total of outstanding bills was \$5334.18.

Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook both disagreed with the RDC paying for videographer Tim Showalter and the storm water sewer bill for the landfill.

Dave Grenoble stated the State Board of Accounts says only legal and professional services can be paid using TIF money.

Attorney Robert Rund gave an explanation why the law firm considers both expenditures to be proper. Three explanations: The video gives those not able to attend the opportunity to follow the RDC, complete transparency of how the RDC is operating and to what financial obligations the RDC has committed.

Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook disagreed.

A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to approve the docket and Cathy Chappell seconded the motion. Liz Lamping, Nathan Rinks and Cathy Chappell voted for, Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook voted against. The motion to pay all claims on the \$5334.18 claims docket was approved.

Barbara Hook expressed her concern as to the length of time and the fee for Tim Showalter's video services. She suggested the RDC contact the high school and see if there was a student who would tape the meetings for free. Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook both agreed the amount charged should come from the City budget and not the RDC. Based on a SBOA auditor stating that paying the taping of the meetings and paying the storm water sewer bill was not considered professional services or an appropriate expenditure.

Attorney Robert Rund said there was no contract with Tim Showalter, but he had been providing the same service for the RDC since 2013. Both attorneys, Robert Rund and Alex Carlisle consider paying Mr. Showalter to fall under marketing, an authorized expenditure purpose.

Proposed Resolution 4-2020 would have authorized the RDC to delegate one person to make the decision to pay any outstanding invoices during the pandemic. Liz Lamping made a motion to approve this resolution. Cathy Chappell seconded. Cathy Chappell and Liz Lamping voted to approve the

motion and Dave Grenoble, Barbara Hook and Nathan Rinks voted against the motion. The motion was defeated.

Prior to the meeting ending both Dave Grenoble and Barbara Hook resigned from the RDC. They indicated they did not want to be a part of an organization that pays for claims not authorized by statute.

A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dave Grenoble. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:26 pm or 19:26 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Chappell, Secretary