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Indiana
Economic and Redevelopment

Madison Redevelopment Authority

February 18, 2025 @ 4:30 pm

Minutes

- Call to order at 4:30 by David Ott. Other members present include Ashley Pennington and Kevin Watkins.
- Others attending include Economic & Redevelopment Director, Tony Steinhardt, Associate Economic Development Director, Emily McKinney and Clerk-Treasurer, Shirley Rynearson.
- Approval of Minutes: Ott asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2022. Watkins motioned, seconded by Pennington. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
- Claims Approval: None.
- Old Business:
 - None.
- New Business
 - Officer Elections
 - Watkins motioned to have each member remain in their current position, Ott as President, Pennington as Vice President, and Watkins as Secretary-Treasurer. Ott motioned, seconded by Pennington. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
 - Crystal Beach Lease Rental Bond Update
 - Steinhardt briefly updated the Authority on the bond lease payments. Rynearson detailed the funds pertaining to the bond and discussed the payments made to Huntington Bank. The lease rental payment for Crystal Beach is paid twice a year to Huntington. Steinhardt stated that our normal tax levy from the parks department is covering the rental payment. He reaffirmed that there was no tax increase to cover the pool. Steinhardt said that the day-to-day costs for the pool are used to keep it running. A budget is being developed for the 2025 season that includes professional start up and closing costs.
 - Steinhardt stated that the minutes and financial reports will be uploaded to Gateway, and the Redevelopment Authority does not have any employees.

- Steinhardt and McKinney detailed some Placer.ai data from the 2024 season. There were about 18,000 visitors to Crystal Beach during the summer season. On its largest day, the pool had 1000 visitors. An average day was roughly 600 patrons. Visitors are coming from Seymour, North Vernon, Austin, Warsaw, Gent, Carrollton, etc. Watkins asked how the pool was operating. Steinhardt stated that there is room for growth, but everything was well used.
- Pennington highlighted that even when the pool was full it did not feel crowded at all. Steinhardt stated that there were some punch list items that needed to be rectified by the end of the season, but all of those have since been completed. Steinhardt closed by saying there is lots of opportunity for growth at Crystal Beach, and we look forward to an amazing 2025 season.
- Ott asked for a motion to adjourn. Watkins motioned, seconded by Pennington. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
- Unless it's necessary before, the next RDA meeting will be in Q1 of 2026.

Kevin Watkins, Secretary-Treasurer