

HUEDC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ATTENDANCE RECORD

DATE: February 20, 2024

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 500 West Main Street, Mitchell, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clara House  
Sharon Mitchell  
Bill Mitchell  
Mary Alice Brown  
Angela Crecelius  
Sara Luallen  
Angela Turpin  
Martha Fields  
Greg Taylor  
Nancy Miller  
Suzanne Brown  
Herman Campbell\*  
Gerald Montgomery  
Janie Johnson  
Rosie Wininger  
Vicky Bauernfiend  
Stacey Bowling  
Bob Jones  
Reita Nicholson  
Richard Beaty  
Karan Jones  
Craig Jones  
Seth Purlee  
Max Bedwell  
Lana Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte Speer E  
Janet Harrison E  
Richard Dixon A  
Ava Kinney E

\* Alternate  
A Absent  
E Excused Absence

STAFF PRESENT: David Miller, Amanda Wolfe, and Angelia Owens

GUEST PRESENT:

HOOSIER UPLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD MINUTES

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- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Martha Fields, Chairperson.  
Opening Prayer
- II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Roll call was done by Angelia Owens. There were (25) members in attendance. A quorum was present.

The CEO informed the Board of the resignation of Marolyn Holzbog. She represented the Private Interest Sector in Crawford County.

- III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: No corrections or questions.

Reita Nicholson made the motion to approve January minutes. Angela Turpin seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT – December Report

Greg Taylor made the motion to approve the December Financial Reports as mailed. Stacey Bowling seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

- V. OLD BUSINESS: N/A

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: N/A

- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: David Miller

REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Re-submit Application for Limestone Edge Project - Bedford

Need Board approval to re-submit the application for the Limestone Edge Project in Bedford.

Vicky Bauernfiend: Is this by the Holiday Inn?

David Miller: Yes

Angela Crecelius made the motion to approve re-submitting the application for the Limestone Edge Project in Bedford. Max Bedwell seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED

2. Home Health & Hospice Strategic Plan 2024 - Approval

Need Board to approve the Home Health and Hospice Strategic Plan for 2024.

Janie Johnson made the motion to approve the Home Health and Hospice Strategic Plan for 2024. Richard Beaty seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Amanda Wolfe, Director of Energy Assistance, educated the Board on the Energy Assistance Program.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to individual states to assist low-income families with the high cost of their home energy. Our grant is administered through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA).

It is an income based program, where an energy assistance benefit can offset the high cost of energy for households at or below 60% of the State Median Income Level. The counties we serve are Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. We have the Mitchell Main Office, which is where I am located, that serves Mitchell clients; the Bedford Office serves the remainder of Lawrence County; the Shoals office serves all of Martin County; the Paoli Office serves all of Orange County and Hardinsburg; and the Salem Office that serves all of Washington County.

We begin sending mail-in applications to our elderly and disabled clients in September of the program year. All other clients can begin applying on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Each office handles mail-ins and applicants in their service area. Applicants can also visit the IHCDA's website and apply via the online portal. This option has been beneficial for working families who cannot get to the office during business hours or for those who do not have transportation. All of this information is also available on our website.

To date, Hoosier Uplands has received \$2,250,145 to administer the program that runs this year from November 1, 2023 to May 20, 2024. The moratorium runs December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> and protects any client who has qualified for energy assistance from being disconnected from their utilities. To date we have entered 3,268 applications; approved 2,985 applications with an average benefit of \$682.10; 669 applicants were elderly; and 726 applicants have a disabling condition. The applications that have been entered but not approved could be over income denials, incomplete denials and incomplete applications that we are waiting on further documentations.

We have been able to restore utility services to 16 homes that have been disconnected and have been able to suspend disconnects for 395 households. We have provided energy education to 2,985 households to educate on energy savings tips and done family development outreach to 1,901. Family development provides different resources such as Budget Counseling and referrals to Weatherization, Head Start, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, SNAP, Housing, Medicare Savings Program, Aging, Serenity Now, and Lifeline/Linkup.

The Emergency Repair and Replace Program (ERR) can assist with furnace repair and replacement. To qualify for this program, clients must own their home, qualify for

energy assistance, and have an at-risk population in the home. This population is an elderly, disabled, veteran, or child age five and under. Funds for this program come out of the regular energy assistance budget and can be allocated up to 10% of that. Six homes has received assistance through this program.

2. A copy of the Weatherization Review Report was given to each Board Member to review.
3. The CEO informed the Board of receiving the two year grant renewal in the amount of \$325,000 from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) for Community Substance Misuse Prevention Services in Lawrence County.

#### PROVIDED MATERIALS

- Program Director's Board Reports
- News Articles
- Letters

#### VIII. ADJOURN

Richard Beaty made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Stacey Bowling seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

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Reita Nicholson, Secretary