

Minutes  
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)  
December 15, 2010  
Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS  
1912 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

**Members Present:**

Bill Kirchoff  
Chuck Fewell  
Mike Terry  
Jerry Bridges  
Don Adams  
Larry Hesson  
Bob Sterrett

Linda Sanders  
Ron Deer  
Rob Thoman  
Christine Altman  
Marta Moody  
Sue Ritz  
David George

**Members Absent:**

Gil Holmes  
Mike Hale  
Ben Ledo

**Staff:**

Ehren T. Bingham

A quorum was recognized by the Chair and the meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM. The members of the board introduced themselves to the public that was present.

The minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. R. Thoman noted a specification adding detail to the conversation about transit legislation recommendations to apply the phrase "not in Marion County" to October 27 discussion. *J. Bridges moved to amend the minutes as presented to include the phrase "not in Marion County" after the word "town" in the conversation about allocation of board seats in a county. L. Sanders seconded, the motion passed. R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes as amended, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

B. Kirchoff presented the third quarter statements of financial activity and explained variances in the consulting services and salaries lines. The board discussed the options to bring the consulting services line in balance. *S. Ritz moved to transfer \$42,528 with in categories to bring the consulting services line into balance, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.* B. Kirchoff presented the need to encumber for December payments to JTPR, Inc. and Ice Miller. *B. Kirchoff moved to encumber funds necessary to pay JTPR, Inc. and Ice Miller for December invoices, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*B. Kirchoff moved for payment of claims docket #101213 totaling \$23,313.00, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Under old business E. Bingham presented the final draft of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Organization Study prepared by Cambridge Systematics, Inc. and asked the board to accept the report. R. Deer asked if the final report reflected the board's changes to the policy recommendations discussed at the October meeting. C. Altman explained that the board can take the recommendations of the report into consideration as guidance to establishing policy. B. Kirchoff asked how we should address the difference. R. Deer wanted to assure that the board addressed the municipality issue and that acceptance of the report was not an endorsement. J. Bridges identified a sample from the report of a recommendation that the CIRTA board may want to consider altering as a policy of the board, but that the report still presents a salient recommendation. C. Altman pointed out that the work of the report reflects a combined representation of the diverse work group that advised the report. Amending the report would alter that independent work. J. Bridges understood R. Deer's point and clarified that the CIRTA board should present a position that reflects the challenge of rural/suburban area and the influence of strong cities in an effort to prevent excluding communities. C. Altman advised that we should not edit the report. R. Deer clarified what "acceptance of the report" meant, in order to make sure that the acceptance was not an endorsement of recommendations that may be counter to an accepted policy proposal of the board. M. Moody presented a concept of a motion that would accept the report in order to close out the contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. and allow for the report to serve as a starting point for policy discussions going forward. C. Altman went around the room to get feedback from the individual board

members. The discussion resulted in a consensus that this topic would be good use of board time in a retreat format. *M. Moody moved to accept the final report of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Organization Study, closing out the contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc., with the understanding that the report shall serve as a base for information and a starting point for finalizing CIRTAs official position on an organizational structure and how to accommodate the desires of various units of government to opt in or out, L. Sanders seconded. R. Deer questioned the motion to clarify that this was not an official policy statement of the CIRTAs Board, the question was affirmed. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman requested that the board contract with JTPR, Inc. for public relations from professional services for 12 months in 2011 for a contract amount not to exceed \$20,000. *J. Bridges moved; L. Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman requested that the board contract with ICE Miller for public affairs and outreach to urban and diverse populations from professional service for 6 months for a contract amount not to exceed \$15,000. *M. Terry moved; J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

C. Fewell presented that the executive committee charged him with identifying prospective firms and individuals that would be qualified to represent CIRTAs to the Indiana General Assembly as the organization's lobbyist. C. Fewell requested that a committee be formed to interview and recommend for hire a lobbyist. J. Bridges, L. Hesson, M. Terry, and D. George volunteered to serve on an interview committee. *C. Fewell moved that the committee be empowered to interview, select, retain, and approve to conduct work a lobbyist with a contract amount not to exceed \$25,000 and that the board would be notified via email before the hiring; B. Kirchoff seconded. J. Bridges, M. Moody, and S. Ritz abstained from voting. The motion was approved unanimously.*

C. Altman updated the board on the informal negotiations that have been going on with private sector and legislative leaders about a strategy that advances that transit funding language. She pointed out that discussions might lead to 2012 as the target year and that as long as the long term objectives of CIRTAs were consistent with this strategy, she wanted to operate with the boards consent. C. Altman suggested that a press event may occur before the end of the year and that she wanted the board to know that CIRTAs may be involved.

The next meeting will take place on January 28, 2010 and be a retreat. *R. Thoman moved to adjourn, J. Bridges seconded, the motion carried by consent.*