1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES
2.1. **INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY – INDIANA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM (IBP)**

2.1.1. No update given.

2.2. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BROWNFIELDS (TAB)**

2.2.1. No update given.

2.3. **USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD)**

2.3.1. Interest rates have dropped in consecutive quarters; Rochelle encouraged PERs to be submitted in first quarter if at all possible interest rates are 2.75, 2.25 and 1.625 for Market through Poverty, respectively.

2.3.2. Community facilities program interest rate is 2.75 for any applicant

2.3.3. If firms purchased 2018 EJCDC, EJCDC will provide a complimentary copy of documents that meet requirements for USDA RD.

2.3.4. Indiana USDA – RD still attempting to fill the engineering position for position of reviewer.

2.3.5. Rochelle requests that consultants specifically review community needs for asset management plans for inclusion in PERs: Professional Services contract by consultant. USDA RD believes there to be significant overlap between AMP development and PER development.

2.3.6. Guarantee program for a public entity to take a loan from a private entity (local bank, etc). USDA RD can ‘back’ the local government. Guaranteed monies may also be included as ‘protected’ in 1926-B. Guarantee may be 80%-90% of total debt.

2.3.7. Rochelle also mentioned that USDA RD has financing products available to private entities and that she is the primary contact for such.

2.4. **SRF LOAN PROGRAM**

2.4.1. Attempting to space closings throughout the year, approximately 20 per quarter. 2 projects closed in first quarter, current quarter 20 expected, next quarter about 20 expected. Camille encouraged us to visit the calendar on IFA/SRF website for information about closing dates. Calendar is kept very up to date, possibly multiple times per week.

2.4.2. Possibly entertaining a spring pool closing.

2.4.3. Issue with recent closings – borrowers haven’t had all land acquired. Expect more, and specific questions from IFA regarding status of land.
2.4.4. Rates will reset; but minimal change expected - to remain at about 2%.

2.4.5. Asset Management grants – $700k earmarked for professional services - development of AMPs (25k to each borrower). Similar pace for this year, goal is to provide 500k per state fiscal year for next 2 years. Can receive one time, only to develop a new plan. Can apply separately to waste water and drinking water.

2.4.6. Update on Water Infrastructure Assistance Fund (SEA4/HEA1406)

2.4.6.1. $20m or $40m – maybe available in July – uncertain? IFA/SRF still working through programmatic issues, reporting needs etc.

2.4.7. Update/Description of the Validated Water Loss Audit Program that IFA is partnering with AWWA to implement

2.4.7.1. Utilities must submit validated audits by August 1st, 2020. Contact Sara with questions (IFA Website).

2.4.7.2. Drinking water needs survey is back! Repeats every 4 years. Will include inventory of lead service lines. 73 utilities will be contacted; 100% response needed. SRF needs to collect good data to justify need and allocation. Sara is leading this effort.

2.4.7.3. IFA accepting applications for schools (public and private) and public & private daycare for lead line testing.

2.4.7.4. Partial list of regional planning meetings have been released.
2.5. IU PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE – ASSIST WITH INPUT FOR INDIANA INTERGOVERNMENTAL SURVEY. ENCOURAGE CLIENTS TO ANSWER SURVEY. LAST SURVEY COMPLETED IN 2017. TARGET WAS TO BE EVERY 2 YEARS.

2.5.1. No update given.

2.6. Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) –

2.6.1. Email from Eric ogle & Chris Kaufmann

2.7. INDIANA BOND BANK

2.7.1. IBB is quasi-state agency to assist governmental agencies procure financing. IBB Provided handouts, directed Committee members to website.

2.7.2. Hoosier equipment purchase/lease program. IBB plays a “match-maker”. Connection with best prices for units of equipment that might be used by governmental agencies. Purchased equipment would not apply against debt limit.

2.7.3. Financing tool for projects of 10-year or less. Fixed rate. Can eliminate need for public offering.

2.7.4. Interim financing for USDA projects (matches rates). Can possibly expand into construction, design and studies.

2.7.5. Budgeting tool for fuel costs of governmental agencies.
3. ACEC UPDATES

3.1. GENERAL

3.2. LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON – NEXT EVENT @ HILTON DOWNTOWN.

3.3. PROACTIVELY ADVOCATING FOR STORMWATER FUNDING IN COMING SESSION. SPECIFIC TO WASTE AND STORM WATER IN THIS SESSION. INCLUDE TASK FORCE REPORT IN MINUTES.

3.4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

3.4.1. Update on Stormwater Management Task Force & Utility Funding

4. INITIATIVES / MISCELLANEOUS

4.1. EB&FS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4.1.1. General feedback on September 26, 2019 Conference from agencies and attendees

4.1.2. Identify 3-4 volunteers to serve on 2020 Conference sub-committee. John/Sean, Tony, Wes

4.1.3. 2020 Conference will be held at Willows on Westfield on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Brad
4.2. GENERAL FUNDING TIMELINES ACEC BROCHURE UPDATE

4.2.1. Review existing brochure

4.2.2. Establish sub-committee to lead brochure update work with Beth. Brad Volunteer

4.3. ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER

4.3.1. Energy assessment/audits for alliance communities.

4.3.2. Currently over 800 members that are mostly water/wastewater utilities for communities with population less than 10,000.

4.3.3. Identifies gas/electric rebates and incentives

4.3.4. No cost to members. Funded by USDA.

4.3.5. Energy assessment recommended before applying for USDA grant.

4.3.6. Contact Dee Deig, Energy Efficiency Technician, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, 317-508-1505, ddeig@inh2o.org. Connie in attendance

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

5.1. Next Agency Meeting
5.2. March 18, 2020 1:30pm to 2:30pm
5.3. 1 North Capital First Floor Conference Room