Call to Order
Mr. Steck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

Members Included
Matt Steck, Paul Clark and Andy Johnson

Also present were: August Memmi, Executive Director; George Connor, Deputy Director; Mark Stewart, Solicitor; Brooke Miller, Autumn Gruzlewski and Deb Laudenslager

Absent: Karen Smeltz and Paul Navarro

Public Participation:
Michael Hanes
Jim Diamond

Reorganization
The agenda represents the current slate of officers.

A motion was made to reappoint the slate of officers that have served the past year.

Motion: Mr. Clark
Second: Mr. Johnson

Motion passed: 3 - 0, 2 absent

Acceptance of Minutes
A motion was made to approve and accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting as presented.

Motion: Mr. Johnson
Second: Mr. Clark

Motion passed: 3 - 0, 2 absent
Acceptance of Financials

A motion was made to accept the financial statements from November and December 2015.

Motion: Mr. Clark
Second: Mr. Steck

Motion passed: 3 - 0, 2 absent

The chairman would like to recess the IDA meeting for January 19 at 12:09 p.m. in order to conduct the EDC meeting.

Chairman would like to reconvene the IDA meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Solicitors Report & Action Items

See comment below pertaining to the Fish and Boat Commission

New Business

PA Fish & Boat Commission Lease Termination Agreement
The IDA financed the building for the Fish and Boat Commission. It was done through a lease agreement. The Authority assigned its rights and interest in the lease and its right to the rent to the bank which issued the bonds. The Fish and Boat Commission has made all its payments to the lease. They have exercised their right to purchase and own the building. The document is a formal termination of that lease which is the ground lease termination document and the second document needs to be approved, but it is signed by the bank. It is the bank terminating its interest in assignment of rent and leases. This is standard when the lease is used as a financial mechanism.

Motion to approve the ground lease and lease purchase termination agreement and the release of termination of assignment of rents and leases.

Motion: Mr. Clark
Second: Mr. Johnson

Motion 3 - 0, 2 absent

Expedition Chesapeake
Chairman Steck invited Dr. Hanes from the Whitaker Center to attend this meeting. Last November and December the IDA was asked for additional funding which was available, but there was a request for additional payment for Expedition Chesapeake to fully fund our obligation to that project. Dr. Hanes would like to give an update on this project. This project has been going on for multiple years. It is a multi-faceted project which consists of four major components. The original grant from the IDA was support for all components of the project, but the primary support is for the giant screen large format film. The four components of the project
include (1) set of six modules that are used in middle school and high schools that are located thought the Chesapeake watershed. There are six states in the watershed. (2) Documentary film to be released on public or possible commercial television documenting the process of the project and also the creation of the giant screen film (3) traveling science center exhibition (4) giant screen film which would be a 40-45 minute film.

This is a very complex project. There is an advisory panel for the film which includes 30 noted scientists, educators and conservationists. The science center exhibition will address 9 different themes which are related to issues affecting the health of the bay.

There is a plan for the exhibit, but the major priority is the big screen film.

Educational materials have been developed over the past five years. Teachers have had training on these education materials. The modules are going live on the website. The documentary film identified WVIA who will serve as the filmmakers. It will be a one hour documentary program that will follow the team of giant screen filmmakers as they bring extraordinary visual technology into the watershed to create a giant screen 3D movie that captures the distinctive natural beauty, the human spirit it inspires and the national imperative of its preservation. They have also contracted with Jeff Corwin.

Mr. Johnson would like to see a summary of the film due to the fact that there are documentaries that are slanted one way or the other. Chairman Steck said that the information on the web site is very balanced. Mr. Haines recognizes that there are always different perspectives which is why they have developed an advisory panel. Mr. Johnson inquired whether or not the HB and PBA were invited to be a part of the advisory panel. Mr. Haines said to date that they were not; however, he would be glad to move forward with that.

Old Business

Solar Project: The Commission and PPL appealed to the Supreme Court. They asked for permission to do that. The asking of permission stays the order that we got when we won. We have filed opposition to their request and we are waiting for the Supreme Court to decide. If they do not, then the order stands and we are entitled to stay on the rate that we were on. They are still holding our reconsideration request on the complaint that we brought over by what we were actually paid by PPL vs. the shortage.
**Gaming Program:** The meetings were held in November. There was an additional meeting in December where about 25 applicants who requested lower amounts had the opportunity to come in. The board members are evaluating the applications. We expect a meeting in early February to discuss and approve their recommendations and then subsequent to that presentation to the commissioners.

**Veterans Building Update:** Salzmann Hughes is going to be occupying the 8th floor (3500 square feet) immediately and growing into the remainder over the next few years. Rental payments are almost up to date.

**DCIB:** We are waiting for the state to get all of the signatures on the Middle Paxton money and then that should be finally at the door and able to get out to the Townships by March. There are a few municipal projects on the horizon. We will probably be opening up another round this year. We will let all of the municipalities know about the opportunity and all commercial people too. They have to be public improvements.

**Board & Staff Comments**

No comments.

**Correspondence**

There is a piece of correspondence in the packet from Harristown Enterprise thanking us for supporting their escalator project.

The director report is also included in the packet.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12.43 p.m.

*Motion:* Mr. Johnson  
*Second:* Mr. Clark by proxy

*Motion passed 3 – 0, 2 absent*