

**Minutes of the September 24, 2024
Executive Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jon Craig called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Jon Craig, Balaji Kashyab, Beverly Schulthise, Bill Byrd, Melanie Barrett, and Kullen Cook were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission and Eric Whitaker of the press were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Jon Craig called for additional agenda items. Executive Director Nathan Held asked the READI 2.0 Admin Contract be added to the agenda. Chair Jon Craig also added discussion for a 2025 event. Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions, seconded by Melanie Barrett and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Chair Jon Craig presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held August 27, 2024. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kullen Cook and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of September 16th receipts were \$19,591.90 and disbursements were \$16,916.00. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were \$88,785.81 and disbursements were \$79,273.28. The actual total cash balance is \$643,003.87. The total aging schedule was \$47,965.05. There is one 12-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$312,468.02 investment in TrustINDiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$10,510.14. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Kullen Cook and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Jon Craig called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Nathan Held. Mr. Held reported on projects as follows:

- COPS Hiring grant- the City of Peterburg was awarded funds for the addition of one officer.
- The Town of Ferdinand was awarded funds through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.
- Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) grants require 51% low-to-moderate income (LMI) to qualify to apply. OCRA has been using 2011-2015 numbers but HUD released new numbers in August. Several Communities that qualified before now do not qualify. However, the Town of Paoli and the Town of Spurgeon were added to the approved LMI list. Chair Jon Craig voiced concerns with being able to apply for OCRA grants.
- Nathan Held is attending the INDOT Planning/Coordination meeting in October. The main focus is transportation related.
- Brownfields assessments are moving along smoothly.
- Indiana Capital Chronicle article- Steve Bartels is working on reducing government Boards and Commissions that are defunct. This will reduce the number of Boards with a Governor's Appointee.

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented

NEW BUSINESS

- Jon Craig discussed hosting a planning event covering needs and challenges our municipal councils face. It was discussed to have a facilitated two to three session evening with meal provided event in the first quarter of 2025. Balaji Kashyab made a suggestion to have special meetings or sessions following an Executive Board meeting that focuses on a specific county and their issues.

Resolutions for Approval

- None presented

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Contracts for Approval

- Rockport SRF labor standards; sum of \$15,000
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the Rockport SRF labor standards contract, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried.
- Spurgeon Codification; sum of \$500
Kullen Cook made a motion to approve the Spurgeon Codification contract, seconded by Melanie Barrett and motion carried.
- READI 2.0 Admin Contract Amendment; sum of \$325,000
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the READI 2.0 Admin Contract Amendment, seconded by Bill Byrd and motion carried.

Other

- None presented

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Chair Jon Craig called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Kullen Cook, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The Executive Board will meet next on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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