

**Minutes of the March 25, 2025
Executive Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jon Craig called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Jon Craig, Randy Clark, Balaji Kashyab, Beverly Schulthise, Shawn Scott, Theron Owen, Adam Hoffman and Heather Gries were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission and Eric Whittaker from the newspaper were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Jon Craig called for additional agenda items. Mr. Held requested the 2024 Year-End Budget be added to the agenda. Randy Clark made a motion to approve the addition, seconded by Heather Gries and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Chair Jon Craig presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held October 22, 2024. Heather Gries made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of March 21st, receipts were \$56,380.70 and disbursements were \$69,370.90. Since the report was printed, additional disbursements were \$22,313.70. The actual total cash balance is \$689,512.10. The total aging schedule was \$72,976.05. There is one 12-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$311,790.76 investment in TrustINDiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$12,513.84. Adam Hoffman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Balaji Kashyab 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:

- A digital copy of the 2024 newsletter was sent out in January. In the past a hard copy would be sent to around 300 individuals. This year the newsletter was accessible on Facebook as well and was view by approximately 3,000 individuals.
- The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has a Peer Collaboration Program for staff who have been employed two years or less. Anthony Tarullo signed up and was selected for the program. His first session is tomorrow, March 26th.
- The Commonwealth contract was approved by our attorney. Indiana 15 has signed the contract. Lindsey Hoffman will be setting counts in Holland next week and Jessica Condra has continued to administer the Town of Holland Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant.
- Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has a new Southwest Indiana Community Liaison, Johnny Kincaid. Indiana 15 had a meeting with him this morning. Mr. Held encouraged members to reach out the Mr. Kincaid. His contact information can be found on OCRA's website. Mr. Held also offered to reach out to Mr. Kincaid on a community's behalf to set up a meeting.
- There is a new grant opportunity through the Being for Others Health and Wellness Foundation. The Foundation is a \$20 million endowment, created through the sale of Memorial Hospital, and covers eight counties - Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, and Spencer. The Foundation's grant focus is on health and wellness. There are eight grant pillars with three grant cycles this year. Grants are open to organizations, non-profits, other agencies, and possibly communities.
- The Commission is working on two applications to submit to OCRA in Round 1. Jessica is working on Birdseye Wastewater and Anthony is assisting Nathan on Grandview Wastewater.
- Jenny Mathies is working on an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) application for the Town of French Lick to submit in Round 2.
- The Commission will potentially conduct income surveys for the Town of Orleans and the City of Tell City. An income survey request for the Town of Leavenworth was denied by OCRA.
- The Commission continues to administer existing projects and is keeping watch as to what is happening at the State and Federal level.
- The Commission was audited by the State Board of Accounts for four years – 2020 to 2023. The exit interview has not been scheduled yet but no indication was made of any findings.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Summit discussion. Mr. Held received many good comments about the Summit. There was very good attendance from Board Members and is appreciated. The event received 15 sponsors and 80 total attendees. The facilitator, Tad Dickel, will attend the April Full Board meeting to discuss the full report from the Summit and follow-up survey. Chair Jon Craig advised the findings from the Summit will be sent to all Board members for review to bring good discussion to the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Year-End Budget – Mr. Held gave a quick review. Members were encouraged to review the budget for action in April.

Resolutions for Approval

- Authorization to purchase new server, (Resolution 2025-08)
A quote was requested for the purchase of a new server but was not received in time for the meeting, so no resolution was presented.

Contracts for Approval

None Presented


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 Heather Gries, seconded by Randy Clark and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The Executive Board will meet next on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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