

**Minutes of the October 28, 2025
Full Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jon Craig welcomed the Full Board members and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Shawn Scott, Jim Uland, Mike Haverstock, Bill Byrd, Meredith Voegerl, Kerry Blessinger, Paul Lorey, Jerry Allstott, Beverly Schulthise, Chad Hager, Dave Wolford, Randy Clark, Theron Owen, Balaji Kashyab, Kelly Harding, John Paulin, Janice Hackbarth, Jeff Nelson, Jeff Harting, Jon Craig, Kullen Cook, Dorothy Julian, Joni Stafford, Heather Gries, David Gogel, Cathy Kirkpatrick, Don Wertman, and Michael Johannes were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Jon Craig asked for any additions to the agenda. None were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Jon Craig presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held August 26, 2025. Don Wertman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Haverstock and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 21st, receipts were \$24,000.78 and disbursements were \$39,107.04. The actual total cash balance is \$724,944.63. The total aging schedule was \$36,170.89. There is one six-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$316,545.89 investment in TrustINDiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$12,520.25. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Jon Craig turned the meeting over to Nathan Held for the Director's Report as follows:

- Project Status Reports have been updated and distributed to members.
- French Lick Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation application was awarded \$350,000. Each eligible home will receive up to \$20,000.
- Birdseye Assistance to Firefighters application was awarded \$114,000 to purchase turnout gear.
- EDA Partnership Planning grant was funded \$210,000 over three years. It is 60% grant, 40% local match.
- EPA Brownfields Assessment funding is nearing the end. The Commission plans to reapply but the notice of funding has been delayed. Funds have been cut so the program is more competitive. Sites are being sought to include in the application.
- Nathan, Jenny and Lindsey plan to attend the IARC Conference in November.
- Jessica is attending the Ball State Community Development Course.
- Nathan thanked the Full Board for their service in 2025. Appointment forms for 2026 have been mailed. In January the Executive Board will be elected.

OLD BUSINESS

- Committee discussion. Jon Craig distributed an outline of how the Public Safety, Blight Elimination, and Policy & Legislative Committee structures will be implemented. The outline listed tasks each committee would use to establish a foundation. All committees should meet virtually every quarter. Jon discussed the need for one representative from Spencer and Orange Counties and two representatives from Perry County to serve on the Public Safety Committee. There is also a need for one representative from Crawford County to serve on the Blight Elimination Committee. All members of the Board of Directors for the Commission will serve on the Policy & Legislative Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 Fiscal Year End budget discussion

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Resolutions for Approval:

- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget; Resolution 2025-17
Michael Johannes made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17, seconded by Paul Lorey and motion carried.
- Authorizing adjustment in salary of staff; Resolution 2025-18
Chad Hager made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18, seconded by Kerry Blessinger and motion carried.

Other:

None presented.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussions or business to come before the Full Board, Chair Jon Craig called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Paul Lorey, seconded by Mike Haverstock and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. The Full Board will meet next on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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