

**Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
For March 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Clark called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Randy Clark, Shawn Scott, Balaji Kashyab, Beverly Schulthise, Braden Mitchell, Theron Owen, Paul Brockman, Joni Stafford and Heather Gries were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Randy Clark called for additional agenda items. None were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Chair Randy Clark presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held October 28, 2025. Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Brockman and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of March 16th, receipts were \$14,293.55 and disbursements were \$25,512.80. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were \$20,885.90 and disbursements were \$19,255.60. The actual total cash balance is \$808,977.31. The total aging schedule was \$83,276.55. There is one six-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$318,215.70 investment in TrustIndiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$14,522.46. Heather Gries made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Shawn Scott and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- The Grandview Wastewater project was awarded \$750,000 through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).
- Two OCRA proposals will be submitted in Round 1 due April 5th with applications due June 7th. Steve Marchand is assisting Nathan with the Cannelton Water Improvements project. Jessica Condra is working on an application for Springs Valley Water. Orange County will be the applicant since Springs Valley Water is not in an incorporated area. The Commission conducted an income survey for Springs Valley, qualifying the area for funding.
- Steve and Nathan are working with the Town of Gentryville and Jackson Township Fire Department on a feasibility study for a new fire station. Years ago, the service area did not qualify for funding but does now. If the timeline allows this proposal will be submitted later this summer, otherwise it will be submitted this fall. If funded the intent is to pursue a construction grant in the future.
- Economic Development Administration (EDA) was reauthorized in 2024. In January 2026 the EDA was reappropriated \$466 million. Eighty million dollars are available for assistance to coal impacted communities. This is great for our region and now is the time to pursue EDA funding. Winslow will possibly have a project to pursue EDA funding. Orleans Wastewater project will be applying for EDA funding. The baseline for all grants is a 60/40% local match. If you are in a high distress area, the local match could be 80/20%. There has also been discussion with Springs Valley Water on a separate project through EDA.
- Please reach out to the Commission with any funding questions you may have.
- Last year it was discussed to have the parking lot redone due to water infiltration into the building. Universal design assessed the parking lot and provided a cost estimate to rehab the north parking lot and pave the west parking lot. The estimate came back at around \$60,000. A motion was made for Nathan to revisit the project to obtain an updated cost estimate by Theron Owen, seconded by Braden Mitchell and motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Committee Updates
 - Policy & Legislative Committee – Randy Clark reported the committee has met a few times. There has been discussion on how Senate Bill 1 (SB1) will affect funding. The next meeting will be held May 11th. Matt Greller, CEO of AIM, will speak at this meeting.
 - Public Safety Committee – Shawn Scott reported the committee has not met again since the last meeting but is scheduled in May.
 - Blight Elimination & Community Development Committee – Heather Gries stated the committee has good participation from each of the counties. The committee has discussed blight ordinances. The next meeting will be held April 16th. Mayor Elkins of Huntingburg ~~is hoping to speak~~ at the next meeting. The mayor has shared an ordinance the city is currently using.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

Resolutions for Approval

None presented

Contracts for Approval

- Leavenworth SRF Labor Standards; sum of \$500
Melanie Barrett made a motion to approve the Leavenworth SRF Labor Standards contract, seconded by Joni Stafford and motion carried.

Other

Heather Gries reminded the committee chairs that it was decided to meet before the next Full Board meeting to discuss each committee status. Randy Clark gave details of where and when the gathering will take place.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Chair Randy Clark called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Theron Owen, seconded by Heather Gries and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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