

**Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
For May 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Balaji Kashyab called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Balaji Kashyab, Beverly Schulthise, Braden Mitchell, Melanie Barrett, 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

Secretary Balaji Kashyab called for additional agenda items. Mr. Held asked the INDOT contract, Huntingburg contract, Resolution 2026-10 and Resolution 2026-11 be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Secretary Balaji Kashyab presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held March 24, 2026. Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of May 18th, receipts were \$44,000.00 and disbursements were \$41,822.64. The actual total cash balance is \$842,811.67. The total aging schedule was \$61,326.55. There is one six-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$317,352.25 investment in TrustIndiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$14,524.71. Joni Stafford made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Secretary Balaji Kashyab called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Nathan Held. Mr. Held reported on projects as follows:

- With the sudden passing of Randy Clark, Nathan Held discussed with Shawn Scott as Vice Chair the need to fulfill the duties of the Chair position until the August board meeting when action can be taken to appoint a new Board Chair. He agreed to do so.
- Mr. Held stated it was again time for his annual performance evaluation. He asked for to be held prior to or after the June or July Executive Board meeting. After short discussion it was decided to hold the evaluation on June 23 at 4:00 pm.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) applications are open and due June 22. Staff are following up with a few fire departments who have expressed interest.
- Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) project applications in progress include Cannelton and Springs Valley Water through Orange County. These are due June 7.
- Economic Development Administration (EDA) applications include Orleans and Winslow.
- A new vehicle was budgeted for this year. There has been discussion on what kind of vehicle to purchase. With the high cost of vehicles, purchase of a new company vehicle may be pushed to next year since the current vehicle is in good working condition.

OLD BUSINESS

- Committee updates -
Blight Committee recently had a meeting with Neil Elkins presenting blight ordinances.
Public Safety has been trying to schedule a meeting.
Policy and Legislative Committee met with Matt Greller presenting property tax changes and LIT changes. Legislation set up the MUST-Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce-process where the County and Municipalities work together to decide the LIT distribution. Nathan will send out the presentation to all Board Members.
- Parking Lot update - Universal Design has surveyed the property

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NEW BUSINESS

None presented

Resolutions for Recommendation to the Full Board

None presented

Resolutions for Approval

- **INDOT Local Match; Resolution 2026-10**
Heather Gries made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10, seconded by Braden Mitchell and motion carried.
- **Authorization to destroy office equipment; Resolution 2026-11**
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, seconded by Joni Stafford and motion carried.

Contracts for Approval

- **Paoli Lead Service Line SRF Labor Standards; sum of \$15,000**
Melanie Barrett made a motion to approve the Paoli contract, seconded by Heather Gries and motion carried.
- **INDOT 26-27 SURP; sum of \$31,112.50**
Heather Gries made a motion to approve the INDOT contract, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried.
- **Huntingburg IDNR-LWCF Environmental Review; sum of \$5,000**
Heather Gries made a motion to approve the Huntingburg contract, seconded by Paul Brockman and motion carried.

Other

- A moment of silence was given in honor of Randy Clark.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Secretary Balaji Kashyab 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 6:00 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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