Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Full Board Meeting Minutes
For April 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
Vice-Chair Shawn Scott welcomed the Full Board members and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL
Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Larry Ingle, Shawn Scott, Darryl Daily, Mike Haverstock, Bill Byrd, Nick Hostetter, Meredith Voegerl, Paul Lorey, Jerry Allstott, Beverly Schulthise, Melanie Barrett, Dave Wolford, Theron Owen, Rebecca Thorn, Balaji Kashyab, Kelli Harding, John Paulin, Janice Hackbarth, Jeff Nelson, Jeff Harting, Lisa Rostron, and Mike Johannes were present. Nathan Held, Cheri Taylor and Steve Marchand of the Commission and Eric Whitaker from the newspaper were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
Vice-Chair Shawn Scott asked for any additions to the agenda. Mr. Held requested Resolution 2026-08, Resolution 2026-09, and two Rockport Labor Standards contracts to be added to the agenda. Paul Lorey made a motion to approve the additions, seconded by Kelli Harding and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA
Vice-Chair Shawn Scott presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held February 24, 2026. Paul Lorey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Haverstock; Kelli Harding abstained. Vote determined invalid – 22 ayes needed to pass.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of April 15th receipts were $12,850.00 and disbursements were $65,904.06. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were $56,297.48. The actual total cash balance is $839,686.81. The aging schedule total is $46,326.55. There is one 6-month CD totaling $250,000.00 and $316,312.04 investment in TrustINdiana. The restricted savings has a balance of $14,524.71. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Larry Ingle and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Vice-Chair Shawn Scott turned the meeting over to Nathan Held for the Director's Report as follows:

- Board Members received a Staff Project Status Report for review. If there are questions or more details needed, reach out to appropriate staff.
- Grandview wastewater improvements project was awarded $750,000 through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for improvements to their lagoons.
- Two applications will be submitted in the next round to OCRA. Jessica Condra is working on an application on behalf of Springs Valley Water through Orange County for residential water improvements. Steve is working on an application on behalf of Cannelton for water improvements. Applications are due June 7th.
- The Commission is working on Economic Development Administration (EDA) applications. One is for Orleans wastewater and should be submitted in the next couple of months. Springs Valley Water is also applying for an EDA grant for industrial water improvements. Winslow Water is also applying for improvements.
- EDA was reauthorized for $466 million. $80 million of those funds will go to coal impacted areas. After reauthorization, all grants are 60% grant/40% local match, however coal impacted areas can receive 80% grant/20% local match. EDA is starting to focus on private investment and not just job creation.
- A Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) pre-application through FEMA will be submitted for Orange County.

OLD BUSINESS
- Committee Reports – Shawn Scott reported Public Safety plans to meet in June. The Blight Elimination and Policy and Legislative Committees have met a few times. Notes from each of the meetings were sent out with the board meeting packets. May 11th, Matt Greller of Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) will present changes in funding and how it will impact communities.
- Parking lot water repair – Drainage in front of the building needs to be addressed along with the floating parking lot and possible base repair/replacement. Universal Design sent a proposal to assess the issues last fall. The executive Board requested an updated cost from Universal Design since prices have risen. The updated proposal came back at $10,500. Paul Lorey made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Fiscal Year-End Budget – Executive Director Nathan Held went through the highlights of the FY2025 Final Budget.

Resolutions for Approval:

- Authorization to close fiscal year 2025 to fund balance; Resolution 2026-07
  Paul Lorey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.
- Authorization to purchase replacement laptops; Resolution 2026-08
  Paul Lorey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, seconded by Kelli Harding and motion carried.

Contracts for Approval:

- Rockport LSL SRF LS; sum of $15,000
- Rockport WW Div-B SRF Labor Standards; sum of $15,000
  Paul Lorey made a motion to combine and approve both contracts, seconded by Mike Johannes and motion carried.

Other:

- Authorize 2027 Per Capita Budget Form for County Budgets; Resolution 2026-09
  Paul Lorey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried.
- Discussion was made about working with a Warrick County community, outside the Commissions region, to apply for OCRA funding. It was recommended to speak with the attorney and report back at the next Executive Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussions or business to come before the Full Board, Vice-Chair Shawn Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Paul Lorey, seconded by Michael Johannes and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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