

**Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Shawn Scott called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Shawn Scott called for additional agenda items. Mr. Held asked for a correction to the agenda be made, changing Resolution 2026-14 to Resolution 2026-16.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Vice-Chair Shawn Scott presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held July 28, 2026. Joni Stafford made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of August 12th, receipts were \$20,212.97 and disbursements were \$27,514.78. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were \$19,000.00 and disbursements were \$16,886.58. The actual total cash balance is \$886,446.81. The total aging schedule was \$88,013.14. There is one six-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$577,059.38 investment in TrustINDiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$14,527.24. Theron Owen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vice-Chair Shawn Scott called for the Director's Report from Executive Director Nathan Held. Mr. Held reported on projects as follows:

- A written copy of the Director's Report, Project Status Reports and acronym information sheet were distributed to board members. A detailed report will be given during the Full Board meeting but a few points were highlighted. Project Status Reports
- Cannelton was awarded a \$750,000 grant through the OCRA (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs) for water improvements. Steve Marchard prepared this application.
- Nathan discussed the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) Process. If there is anything we can do to assist, please let us know. Cooperation between the County Councils and Municipalities is crucial going forward. For guidance and detailed information please reach out to AM, AIC or other relevant organizations.
- The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) listings for the 2026 annual update have been sent out. Please review and make any appropriate changes to the list and return them to our office. These lists are used internally to stay up to date on the needs in our region and what funding opportunities to research. Having a project listed in the CEDS is also a requirement for US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding. Having a project listed in the CEDS can also be beneficial for USDA Rural Development funding opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 Mid-Year Budget discussion

Resolutions for Recommendation to the Full Board

- Approval of the 2026 Mid-Year Budget; Resolution 2026-16
Beverly Schulthise made a motion to recommend Resolution 2026-16 to the Full Board, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.

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Resolutions for Approval

None presented

Contracts for Approval

- Chrisney code; sum of \$786.92
Braden Mitchell made a motion to approve the Chrisney code contract, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried.

Other

- Discussion was held about changing the date of the September meeting. It was determined a date change was not necessary.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Vice-Chair Shawn Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Braden Mitchell, seconded by Joni Stafford and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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