Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Heather Gries called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Heather Gries, Balaji Kashyab, Beverly Schulthise, Braden Mitchell, Melanie Barrett, Theron Owen, Paul Brockman and Curtis Conley were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Heather Gries called for additional agenda items. Mr. Held asked the INDOT 25-26 extension amendment and Winslow Code update contract be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Vice-Chair Heather Gries presented the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held August 25, 2026. Theron Owen made a motion to approve the minutes and additions to the agenda, seconded by Paul Brockman and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of September 10th, receipts were $31,944.00 and disbursements were $28,512.75. Since the report was printed, additional disbursements were $17,419.74. The actual total cash balance is $878,804.98. The total aging schedule was $60,439.14. There is one six-month CD totaling $250,000.00 and $328,014.93 investment in TrustINdiana. The restricted savings has a balance of $14,527.24. Curtis Conley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Theron Owen and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- A pre-construction meeting will be held this Thursday, September 23, for the parking lot upgrades. Work will begin the first full week in October.
- Crawford, Dubois, Perry and Spencer Counties make up the Coalition for the newly funded $700,000 Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant the Commission received through EPA. Part of the award is a memorandum of agreement between all four counties and Indiana 15. Nathan will meet with each county in October. A Brownfields Committee will need to be created with one member of each county on the committee. They will be part of the Environmental Consultant selection process including scoring and interviewing candidates. Committee members will be Shawn Scott-Crawford, Paul Lorey-Dubois, Theron Owen-Orange, Paul Brockman-Perry, potentially Joni Stafford-Pike and Curtis Conley-Spencer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Traveling meetings.
  Heather Gries asked those in favor to raise their hand to determine if further discussion was needed. A majority ruled in favor. Six meetings of the year will be held in each of the Region's counties. The Executive Board representative will be in charge of finding a location for the meeting. The Board discussed details of how the meetings would be organized.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2027 Proposed Budget discussion
  Braden Mitchell made a motion to amend the 2027 Proposed Budget to increase Nathan Held's salary by 4%, seconded by Balaji Kashyab and motion carried.

Resolutions for Recommendation to the Full Board

None presented

Resolutions for Approval

None presented

Contracts for Approval

- Winslow Code Update; sum of $1,800
- INDOT 25-26 Extension Amendment to March 31, 2027

Theron Owen made a motion to combine approval and approve both contracts, seconded by Beverly Schulthise and motion carried.

Other

None presented

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion or business to come before the Executive Board, Vice-Chair Heather Gries called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Theron Owen, seconded by Paul Brockman and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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