

**Minutes of the October 22, 2024
Full Board Meeting of the
Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jon Craig welcomed the Full Board members and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Balaji Kashyab performed roll call; Bill Breeding, Braden Mitchell, Jim Uland, Mike Haverstock, Bill Byrd, Nick Hostetter, Meredith Voegerl, Kerry Blessinger, Paul Lorey, Beverly Schulthise, Melanie Barrett, Zach Brown, Tony Kendall, Randy Clark, Theron Owen, Randy Cole, Balaji Kashyab, John Paulin, Janice Hackbarth, Todd Meadors, Jon Craig, Kullen Cook, Joni Stafford, Don Wertman and Michael Johannes were present. Nathan Held and Cheri Taylor of the Commission were also in attendance.

AGENDA: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chair Jon Craig asked for any additions to the agenda. None were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Jon Craig presented the minutes from the Full Board meeting held August 27, 2024. Don Wertman made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda, seconded by Jim Uland and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beverly Schulthise gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 9th receipts were \$24,142.34 and disbursements were \$16,094.02. Since the report was printed, additional receipts were \$8,000.00 and disbursements were \$20,444.56. The actual total cash balance is \$638,665.72. The total aging schedule was \$78,415.25. There is one 12-month CD totaling \$250,000.00 and \$309,313.53 investment in TrustINDiana. The restricted savings has a balance of \$10,511.99. Bill Byrd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Nick Hostetter and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Jon Craig turned the meeting over to Nathan Held for the Director's Report as follows:

- Project Status Reports were distributed to all board members for review.
- The open Project Administrator position has been filled. The new employee will start in January 2025.
- Last week Nathan Held and Lindsey Hoffman attended the IARC/MPO Conference in Indianapolis. One highlight from the conference was a state-wide Talent Attraction and Childcare study done by the Indiana Economic Development Association. Various partners throughout the state sponsored the study including IARC and Indiana 15 along with other regions, providing \$500 each toward the study.
- Last week we received an email from NADO asking for letters of support addressed to Congress for the reauthorization of EDA. EDA has not been reauthorized in 20 years. If EDA is reauthorized according to the Senate recommendation, planning commissions could see an increase in grant funding with no local match required.
- Indiana 15 assisted with four COPS hiring grants, the City of Petersburg was awarded. Jessica Condra assisted the city. This was one of three awarded in the state.
- Jessica assisted the Town of Ferdinand to apply for a SS4A grant. They were awarded \$100,000 to assess sidewalks.
- Upcoming OCRA projects - Owner Occupied Rehabilitation for Tell City, Jenny Matheis will assist the city. Applications are due next month. Jessica is working with the Town of Winslow on a Comprehensive Plan to be submitted in the first quarter of 2025. We are hopeful the Huntingburg Library ADA project can apply for funding in the first round next year.
- Nathan attended the INDOT Annual Planning Coordination meeting at Vincennes today. Nathan is looking into ways Indiana 15 can grow in the transportation field.
- Nathan thanked all members who served on our Board of Directors for 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

- Executive Board Update - Jon Craig informed the Full Board an Elected Officials event is tentatively set for February 25, 2025 at the Jasper Parklands. It will be a listening and networking session. The evening could start with an Indiana 15: 101 session, proceed with a facilitated session, followed by group discussion and end with dinner and a speaker. The committee will continue to meet to finalize plans.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Operating budget discussion – Nathan gave an overview of the budget.

Resolutions for Approval:

- Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget; Resolution 2024-21
The Executive Board recommendation is a motion to approve Resolution 2024-21, seconded by Michael Johannes. A roll call vote was conducted, passing with 25 in favor.
- Establishing the Appropriation Per Capita Budget calendar year 2026; Resolution 2024-22
- Establishing the Appropriation Per Capita Budget calendar year 2027; Resolution 2024-23
- Establishing the Appropriation Per Capita Budget calendar year 2028; Resolution 2024-24
The Executive Board recommendation is a motion to combine and approve Resolution 2024-22, 2024-23 and 2024-24, seconded by Jim Uland and motion carried.
- Authorizing revisions to the Personnel Manual and Administrative Procedures Handbook (per budget); Resolution 2024-26
- Authorizing revisions to the Personnel Manual and Administrative Procedures Handbook (clarifications); Resolution 2024-27
The Executive Board recommendation is a motion to combine and approve Resolution 2024-26 and 2024-27, seconded by Tony Kendall and motion carried.

Other:

- None presented.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussions or business to come before the Full Board, Chair Jon Craig called for a motion to adjourn. Motion for adjournment was made by Randy Cole, seconded by Zach Brown and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm. The Full Board will meet next on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Balaji Kashyab, Secretary
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