

MEETING MINUTES

October 14th, 2025 – Special Session



In Attendance: James Khan, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall

Staff in Attendance: Alex Platte, Jacob Ihrle

Guests in Attendance: Brian Engelhart representing Junction 36, Cassidy Tron representing the City of New Haven

Meeting Location: 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Call to Order

James Kahn called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

James Kahn requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Claims

Jacob Ihrle presented the claims report to the RDA Board. Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Jacob Ihrle presented the financial report to the RDA Board. Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Development Commission Approvals

Jacob Ihrle presented an approval for the Visit Fort Wayne Fund for \$8,000. Jacob Ihrle also presented an approval for Club 720 for \$31,666.66. Gene Donaghy made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

READI 2.0 Disbursement Preapprovals

Jacob Ihrle presented a preapproval for the first disbursement to Mt. Auburn and Associates for the LEI Arts Study for the amount of \$49,637.50. Jacob Ihrle also presented a preapproval for the second disbursement to Mt. Auburn and Associates for the LEI Arts Study for the amount of \$25,212.50. Gene Donaghy made the motion to approve the pre-approvals. Bob Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

READI 2.0

The board considered the New Haven Spectra request presented in September. Bob Marshall made the motion to approve the \$1,600,000 request, with \$2,900,000 in a Lilly Endowment Fund Request. Bob Marshal seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jacob Ihrle then presented the requested financial information of the Bluffton Childcare project, a request of \$400,000. Bob Marshall made the motion to approve the grant. Gene Donaghy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The board then considered the Indiana Tech Junction 36 request for up to \$4,000,000. Gene Donaghy made the motion to table the decision with staff requested info. Bob Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other new business, James Kahn asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene Donaghy made the motion, Bob Marshal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 4:00 p.m.