MEETING MINUTES

August 12th, 2025

NORTHEAST INDIANA
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

In Attendance: James Khan, Gene Donaghy, Bob Marshall, Jeff Turner, Andrew Briggs

Staff in Attendance: Andy Boxberger, Michael Galbraith, Jacob Ihrie, Erin Whittle

Guests in Attendance: Lisa Esquivel Long with KPC Media, Dr. Emiko Kreklau, Doug Baumgardner, Ryan Christner, Trent Claybaugh, and Ashleigh King.

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

Call to Order
James Kahn called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

Approval of Minutes
James Kahn requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Claims
Erin Whittle presented claims for management services from the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and claims for legal services for Carson LLP. James Khan asked for a motion to approve the claims. **Bob Marshall made a motion to approve the claims. Andrew Briggs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report
Erin Whittle presented the financial report to the RDA Board. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Strategic Development Commission
Jacob Ihrie presented a preapproval for the Huntington University for the amounts of $20,000 and $50,000, The Fortitude Fund for $37,500, and Club720 for $31,666.66 **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the claims. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

READI 1.0 Disbursement Preapprovals
Jacob Ihrie presented an approval for the Arts United Center for $2.08 million. **Bob Marshall made the motion to approve the approvals. Gene Donaghy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

READI 2.0
Winona Catalyst – Grace College
Grace college presented their Catalyst Corridor Program which covers $70.9 million and 17 different scatter site projects. This project would focus on the Grace Field house to convert the current fieldhouse to a community health space. The board deliberated and determined that it would be best for the project to only assume the projects that are currently fully funded and reduce the total project scope, with the help of staff to approximately $50 million. **Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the award for $2.53 million. Bob Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Bluffton Childcare
Ashliegh King and Trent Claybaugh presented the addition of a $400,000 request to a the Bluffton Senior Apartments. This request would be used to build out a space on the property to double the YMCA's infant capacity for the County. The board determined that the award would be conditional on the delivery of satisfactory supplemental financial information from the YMCA. **Bob Marshall made a motion to approve the award for. Jeff Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment
With no other new business, James Kahn adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.