

MEETING MINUTES

March 10th, 2026



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

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

Others in attendance: Tracina Smith and Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson of Ivy Tech, Adam Penrod and Alex Downard representing Eel River Commons, and Tinisha Weigelt and Anthony Goodknight representing the Roanoke Water Project.

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

Call to Order

Jeff Turner called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January meeting were presented to the Board. **Andrew Briggs made the motion to approve the minutes. James Khan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Claims

Staff presented the claims to the board. **James Kahn made the motion to accept the claims. Andrew Briggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report

Staff presented the board with the monthly financial report. **James Khan made the motion to accept the financial report. Gene Donaghy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

SDC Disbursement Approvals

Jacob Ihrie requested disbursements to be approved for the following projects approved by the Strategic Development Commission; 4 disbursements for Club720 in the amounts of \$31,666.66, \$500,000 for Hoosier Homes Plus, \$225,000 for the Planner on Demand Scholarships, and the Northeast Indiana Early Childhood Coalition in the amount of \$269,564.70. Jeff Turner asked for a motion to approve the disbursements. **Andrew Briggs made the motion to approve the disbursements, James Khan seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.**

READI Program — Update

No Major Update

Jacob Ihrie presented two disbursements, \$351,469.15 for the Topeka Housing Development, and \$1,171,873.65 for the Arts United Center. **Gene Donaghy made the motion to approve the disbursement. Andrew Briggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

READI 2.0 – Presentations

Roanoke Wastewater Treatment Center

Anthony Goodknight and Tinisha Weigelt presented the need for funding to buy down the bond for the Roanoke Wastewater treatment facility. After consideration the board elected to table the presentation for consideration until next month.

Ivy Tech

Tracina Smith and Dr. Kimberly Barnett-Johnson presented the Ivy Tech request for financing to build a new school of health professions. After hearing the presentation, the board elected to table the request until next month's meeting.

Eel River Commons

Adam Penrod presented the request for North Manchester's Eel River Commons in relation to the Lilly CCC program. After consideration the board decided to table the consideration until next month.

Adjournment

With no other new business, **Jeff Turner made a motion to adjourn, James Khan seconded. The motion passed adjourning the meeting at 4:25 pm.**