

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Online / Phone**

Committee Members Present

Andrew Cook – City of Westfield	Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove
Eric Wathen – Hendricks County	David Borden* – City of Indianapolis
Jason Taylor – City of Fishers	Inez Evans / Ryan Wilhite* – IndyGo

* = Proxy

Committee Members Absent

Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield	Brian Jessen – Town of Brownsburg
Mark Heirbrandt – Hamilton County	

Others Present

Anna Gremling – Indianapolis MPO	Sean Northup – Indianapolis MPO
Rose Scovel - Indianapolis MPO	Cole Jackson – Indianapolis MPO
Danielle Gerlach – Indianapolis MPO	Steve Cunningham – Indianapolis MPO
Kristyn Sanchez – Indianapolis MPO	Jennifer Higginbotham – Indianapolis MPO
Sarah Reed – City of Noblesville	Rich Overmoyer - Fourth Economy Consulting
Carrie Clark – City of Fishers	

1. WELCOME

Andrew Cook called the meeting to order. Anna Gremling took roll call attendance.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Anna Gremling asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. There were none.

Member	Result	Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve	Hendricks County	Approve
IndyGo	Approve	Beech Grove	Approve
Fishers	-	Westfield	Approve

Dennis Buckley moved to approve the May 21 Executive Committee minutes.
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The May 21, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes were approved.
MOTION PASSES.

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Kristyn Sanchez gave an overview of the monthly financial report and stated the IMPO is still working through the audit process. Sanchez stated she expects more outreach and office-related expenses as the IMPO transitions back to the office. Sanchez asked for questions and heard none. Anna Gremling stated IMPO staff will be at the Greenwood Freedom Festival to talk about the North Johnson County Transit Plan.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Fishers	Approve

Member	Result
Hendricks County	Approve
Beech Grove	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Dennis Buckley moved to accept the financial report.
Ryan Wilhite seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The financial report was accepted.
MOTION PASSES.

4. FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

Anna Gremling gave an overview of tools the IMPO is utilizing such as MetroQuest for surveys and LVR international who is providing public engagement services for IndyGo. **Gremling** stated IndyGo is providing the local match for those public engagement services. The Frost Brown Todd contract for legal services is seeing a price increase as the firm has been working on the Federal Funds Exchange project. **Dennis Buckley** about cost thresholds for Executive Director approval of contracts and if that threshold should be raised. **Gremling** responded the threshold has not been a problem and she is comfortable at the current limit. **Ryan Wilhite** questioned if counsel from Frost Brown Todd attend all committee meetings and **Gremling** responded that they only attend as needed.

Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve
IndyGo	Approve
Fishers	Approve

Member	Result
Hendricks County	Approve
Beech Grove	Approve
Westfield	Approve

Dennis Buckley moved to approve Resolution #2021-EXEC-010
Jason Taylor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
Resolution #2021-EXEC-010 was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

STATUS REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Anna Gremling introduced **Sarah Reed** from the City of Noblesville and **Rich Overmoyer** from Fourth Economy Consulting to discuss the State’s Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). **Overmoyer** stated Fourth Economy Consulting was brought on by the City of Noblesville for the READI initiative based around the White River Plan. **Overmoyer** stated READI will provide up to \$50 million for 10-12 regions within the State and the \$500 million in State funds could grow with funds from other agencies. **Overmoyer** continued stating there are currently 4 counties and several communities interested in being part of the White River regional application. The application to designate the core region is due by July 1 but the IEDC will allow communities to join on after July 1. Fourth Economy Consulting is accepting letters of intent from communities that wish to join the application. The program will use information from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), requests for information, and more. The program will include broad community engagement and they hope the Central Indiana RDA will serve as the applicant. The RDA may need to expand to include all relevant communities. **Dennis Buckley** asked if Marion County’s involvement includes all jurisdictions or just Indianapolis and **Sarah Reed** responded that the focus is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. **Buckley** stated Beech Grove will likely want to partner on this initiative.

Anna Gremling asked for a motion to allow the RDA to expand its membership as needed and to submit the READI application. Gremling stated the RDA may need to be updated in relation to State Statute and there may be a new RDA formed. **Sarah Reed** stated the White River Plan has a governance structure in the plan. **Ryan Wilhite** asked about the RDA structure and **Gremling** responded the new RDA formation is being led by the regional mayors. Wilhite asked who will staff the new RDA and **Gremling** responded she is unsure. **Wilhite** asked if the motion is to both submit the application and expand the RDA and **Gremling** responded the motion language is flexible so that the RDA can submit applications and expand as needed depending on if or when there is a new RDA. **Wilhite** questioned the Executive Committee’s role in relation to the current RDA and **Sean Northup** responded that the IMPO is the fiduciary agent for the existing RDA. **Andrew Cook** stated that the Central Indiana Council of Elected Officials (CICEO) has been planning for the new RDA entity, which is expected to be formed in August with a focus on government, business, and philanthropy but it is still unclear who will staff the organization. **Sarah Reed** stated Noblesville has a direct contract with Fourth Economy Consulting, separate from the RDA, to assist with the READI application and the subsequent planning effort. **Gremling** asked for a motion for the RDA to submit an application for the READI program and expand the RDA membership as needed.

Member	Result	Member	Result
Indianapolis	Approve	Hendricks County	-
IndyGo	Approve	Beech Grove	Approve
Fishers	Approve	Westfield	Approve

Andrew Cook moved to approve a motion for the RDA to submit the READI application and expand the RDA membership as needed
Inez Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.
The motion for the RDA to submit the READI application and expand as needed was approved.
MOTION PASSES.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. **OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Anna Gremling asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jason Taylor moved to adjourn the June 25, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.
David Borden seconded the motion.
The June 25, 2021 Executive Committee meeting was adjourned
MOTION PASSES.