

Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)

Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2021

2:00 p.m.

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1912 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46202

Committee Members Present, Representing Quorum:

Rob Barnes, City of Indianapolis	Keith Lauter, City of Greenwood
Chris Pryor, City of Carmel	Dr. Roderick Perry, City of Indianapolis
Mitch Frazier, City of Westfield	

Committee Members Missing:

None.

Others Present:

Mark Fisher, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce	Anna Gremling, IMPO
Cole Jackson, IMPO	Danielle Gerlach, IMPO (online)
Rich Overmoyer, Fourth Economy (online)	Megan Schaefer, City of Fishers (online)
Rose Scovel, IMPO	Sara Reed, City of Noblesville
Sean Northup, IMPO	Taylor Schaffer, City of Indianapolis

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Chris Pryor called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Introductions were made around the room and from those online.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

2. **Meeting Minutes**

<p>Keith Lauter made a motion to approve the March 31, 2021 meeting minutes Mitch Frazier seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED and meeting minutes from March 31, 2021 are approved.</p>
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3. **Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI)**

Anna Gremling briefed the group on the READI application. The initial grant application is due July 1, 2021. The following communities are currently collaborating to submit an application around the White River: Marion County, Hamilton County, Madison County, Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Indianapolis, Anderson, Westfield, and Greenwood. Johnson County is partnering with another county though this may change. Jurisdictions involved may change after the July 1 date. The core team has been established to establish a timeline and integrate other stakeholders.

Rich Overmoyer of Fourth Economy outlined the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative*,

which is going to be the project that is used for the READI application. Fourth Economy has been contracted through the City of Noblesville to do some of the work for the application and the planning process. **Mitch Frazier** asked why CIRDA was chosen to apply. **Gremling** explained this White River project was chosen because it involved true collaboration and partnerships throughout the region and at the end of the day involves economic development, making CIRDA an appropriate organization to serve as the applicant. **Gremling** added Mayors of Central Indiana communities are working together to create a new RDA, which could take this over in the future. If a community joins the “new” RDA, it would automatically no longer be a part of CIRDA as it stands. **Rose Scovel** also added the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) explicitly preferred RDAs to lead the project and applications. Next steps include issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to drive private and/or non-profit involvement. The RFI will serve to gather standardized information on ideas, to establish a framework, and the groups is working to create criteria to use to rank and score the RFI responses.

Rob Barnes moved to approve Resolution 2021-RDA-001 to submit the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative* application for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI).

Chris Pryor seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED to submit the READI application on behalf of the participating communities.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sean Northup covered the budget and audit invoice for the group. No dues were issued this year.

Rob Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-RDA-002, approving the financial report.

Mitch Frazier seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

STATUS REPORTS

None.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5. **Anna Gremling** explained an audit of the IMPO is currently underway and more information will follow.

6. *Adjournment*

Mitch Frazier made a motion to adjourn

Keith Lauter seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.