

**2021 | 2nd Quarter**

June 29, 2021  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

MIBOR Past Presidents Board Room  
1912 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

1. Welcome + Introductions Chris Pryor, City of Carmel

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

2. Meeting Minutes from 3/31/2021 Chris Pryor, City of Carmel  
3. Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI)  
a. Resolution 2021-RDA-001 A. Gremling

**OTHER ITEMS**

4. Other Items of Business A. Gremling  
5. Adjournment Chris Pryor, City of Carmel

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**Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2021**

10:00 a.m.

Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members Present, Representing Quorum:

Frank Esposito, City of Indianapolis	Keith Lauter, City of Greenwood
Chris Pryor, City of Carmel	

Committee Members Missing:

Dr. Roderick Perry, City of Indianapolis	Mitch Frazier, City of Westfield
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Others Present:

Mark Fisher, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce	Anna Gremling, IMPO	Rose Scovel, IMPO
Cole Jackson, IMPO	Danielle Gerlach, IMPO	

1. ***Welcome and Introductions.***

**Chris Pryor** called the meeting to order at 10:04am. **Anna Gremling** conducted roll call. Gremling suggested moving item 7 concerning RDA options forward in the meeting agenda.

7. ***Regional Development Plan***

***a. RDA Options Moving Forward***

**Anna Gremling** provided information about the future of the RDA. **Gremling** stated there were three options moving forward including ending the RDA, maintaining the RDA in its current form, or forming a new RDA. **Gremling** discussed potential pros and cons of these approaches and stated there should be an active conversation among the Board members to determine next steps. The Board discussed how these options might affect the region's ability to meet state and federal economic development goals and receive funding. The Board then discussed how timing might affect these options. **Mark Fisher** suggested the group wait until any relevant legislation is finished before making a decision.

**Anna Gremling** stated she will send out information on the next meeting date which is not until June. **Gremling** stated the RDA is operating at a minimum to reduce any unnecessary spending.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

1. ***Meeting Minutes***

**Frank Esposito** made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes  
**Keith Lauter** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes

MOTION PASSED.

**2. Elections**

**Anna Gremling** stated elections are due, and the board needed to elect officers for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.

**Frank Esposito** moved to keep Chris Pryor as Chair, Mitch Frazier as Vice-Chair, and Keith Lauter as Secretary/Treasurer

**Chris Pryor** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes

MOTION PASSED.

**3. Annual Report**

**Anna Gremling** discussed the annual report created by Danielle Gerlach and stated this report completed a State statute requirement.

**Frank Esposito** moved to approve the annual report

**Keith Lauter** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes

MOTION PASSED.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**4. Audit Update**

**Anna Gremling** discussed the upcoming RDA audit which is required by State statute. **Gremling** stated Katz Sapper & Miller (KSM) was selected to perform the audit at a price of \$4,000. Because of the limited nature of the audit, **Gremling** stated she requested an exemption from the audit requirement. IEDC responded an audit would still be required and **Gremling** negotiated with KSM for a reduced fee for the audit. The board felt this price was reasonable considering the scope of work and minimal price.

**Keith Lauter** to proceed with the audit process (not to exceed \$4,000)

**Frank Esposito** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes

MOTION PASSED.

**5. CEDs Update**

**Rose Scovel** provided an update on the CEDs. She stated the CEDs Strategy Committee has received invitations to join. **Scovel** mentioned the IMPO Executive Committee has approved a contract with TIP Strategies Inc. out of eleven firms for the CEDs project. After the CEDs is complete, the goal will be to apply for Economic Development District status.

**OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**8. Adjournment**

**Keith Lauter** made a motion to adjourn

**Chris Pryor** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Chris Pryor, yes
- Frank Esposito, yes
- Keith Lauter, yes

MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned.

Central Indiana Regional Development Authority

Resolution No. 2021-RDA-001

A RESOLUTION of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (“CIRDA”) to submit the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative* application for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI).

WHEREAS, CIRDA provides the opportunity for regional collaboration between central Indiana communities on economic development projects of regional importance; AND

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2021 Indiana House Act 1001, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation has created the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative to spur economic development; AND

WHEREAS, several jurisdictions throughout central Indiana are forming an application region and collaborating on a regional plan through the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative* to apply for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative planning grant and funding; AND

WHEREAS, implementation of the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative* application will result in significant economic growth, talent attraction, quality of opportunity, and quality of life improvements essential to central Indiana’s overall prosperity; AND

WHEREAS, CIRDA may make an application for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative on behalf of the jurisdictions involved in the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative*; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority will submit the *White River Regional Opportunity Initiative* application for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative on behalf of the member jurisdictions.

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Chris Pryor, CIRDA Board Chair

Date