

WABASH RIVER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

September 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

An executive session of the Wabash River Regional Development Authority (RDA) Board was held on the above date and time. Members of the Board and staff participated in the meeting in person at 900 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807. No additional items were discussed other than what was posted as the purpose of the executive session.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair of the Board, Jon Ford called the meeting to order at 4:00.
2. **Call of the Roll:** Present: Jon Ford (Vigo County), Chair; Chadd Jenkins (Parke County), Jim Exline (Sullivan County); Josh Alsip (Clay County); Bill Rennels (Vermillion County)
3. **Others Present:** Rachel Leslie, RJI Solutions (consultant); Betsy Peperak, RJI Solutions (consultant/admin); Richard Shagley, Wright, Shagley, Lowery (legal counsel); Ryan Keller, Thrive West Central (fiscal agent)
4. **Statement of Executive Session**
 - 4.1. **Arts & Culture Plan** – The board discussed the Indiana Arts Commission’s feedback on the draft plan as it pertains to the RDA’s role in the plan implementation.
 - 4.2. **Executive Order 25-45: Report Confirms READI Regions As Indiana’s Economic Planning Framework** – The board discussed how this may impact the RDA.
5. **Adjourn.** Chair of the Board, Jon Ford adjourned the meeting.

Adopted and approved by the Regional Development Authority Board of Managers on this 29th day of Oct. (month) 2025 (year) by roll call vote with the member votes indicated below.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF MANAGERS

Jon Ford, Chair	AYE NAY ✓ _____	Jim Exline	AYE NAY _____ _____
Chadd Jenkins	AYE NAY ✓ _____	Bill Rennels	AYE NAY ✓ _____
Josh Alsip	AYE NAY ✓ _____		

CERTIFICATION

I certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing members of the Regional Development Authority Board of Managers were in attendance at the meeting either in person, by electronic or telephonic means and that all votes were taken by roll call observable by the public. I further certify that no final action was taken or other matters discussed at any Executive Session.



Jon Ford, Chair