

WABASH RIVER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

A public meeting 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 the Hub at 900 Wabash Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Terre Haute, IN.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jon Ford called the meeting to order.
2. **Call of the Roll:** Present: Jon Ford (Vigo County); Josh Alsip (Clay County); Chadd Jenkins (Parke County); Bill Rennels (Vermillion County). Absent: Jim Exline (Sullivan County).
3. **Others Present:** Rachel Leslie, RJL Solutions (consultant); Betsy Peperak, RJL Solutions (consultant/admin); Ryan Keller, Thrive West Central (fiscal agent); Richard Shagley, Wright, Shagley, Lowery (legal representative), Jonathan Eilbracht, West Central Indiana Partnership; Ellie Templeton, Art Spaces; Gabrielle Smith, Designing Local (virtual); Anna Talarico, Designing Local (virtual).
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Approval of the Board Minutes:**
 - 5.1. June 5, 2025 – public meeting; Chadd Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes, Josh Alsip seconded, passed unanimously.
 - 5.2. September 18, 2025 – executive session; Bill Rennels made a motion to approve the minutes, Josh Alsip seconded, passed unanimously.
6. **Regional Arts & Culture Plan Final Presentation (Designing Local):** Designing Local presented the final Regional Arts & Culture Plan and took questions/comments from the board.
 - 6.1. **Vote to Adopt the Regional Arts & Culture Plan Pending State Approval on Final Changes:** Chadd Jenkins motioned to approve. Josh Alsip seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Turn to the River Project Update (Ellie Templeton, Art Spaces):** Turn to the River recently received their final READI 1.0 disbursement. Ellie Templeton gave update on overall projects including all phases and next steps.
8. **READI 1.0 Update (RJL Solutions)**
 - 8.1. Disbursement Update – Region is \$119,180.98 from reaching 65% of READI 1.0 funds disbursed. To access READI 2.0 funds, 65% of READI 1.0 must be expended.
9. **READI 2.0 Update (RJL Solutions)**
 - 9.1.1. All READI 2.0 projects are required by the IEDC to submit projects memos. All memos have been received. All projects must be approved for compliance by June 30, 2026.
10. **Old Business**
 - 10.1. **Wabash River RDA Audit.** Still in progress.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Adjournment**

Adopted and approved by the Regional Development Authority Board of Managers on this 30 day of JAN (month) 2016 (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
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Chadd Jenkins	AYE NAY	Bill Rennels	AYE NAY
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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.

