WABASH RIVER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2026 at 9:00 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 Station at 900 Wabash Avenue, 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**: Betsy Peperak, RJL Solutions (consultant/admin); Brooklynn Sibley, RJL Solutions (communications/PR); Rachel Leslie, RJL Solutions (consultant); Ryan Keller, Thrive West Central (fiscal agent); Richard Shagley, Wright, Shagley, Lowery (legal representative).
4. **Public Comment**: None.
5. **Approval of the Board Minutes**:
   - 5.1. April 10, 2026 – public meeting; Chadd Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Josh Alsip seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **LEI Blight Project – Phase 2:** Vote to Approve to Move Forward with Application to IEDC for Sycamore & Shale project; Josh Alsip made a motion to approve. Chadd Jenkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **READI 1.0 Update (RJL Solutions)**
   - 7.1. **Disbursement Update**: The region has disbursed $16,987,911.75 of the $19,400,000 in READI 1.0 funds. All funds must be disbursed by September 30, 2026. There are 5 projects remaining with funds to be disbursed.
   - 7.2. **Project Concern**: The William Henry Harrison Presidential Mansion & Visitor Center project has not had any disbursements in 2026. Call to be scheduled between Chair Jon Ford and the project stakeholder to confirm ability to complete the project by the deadline.
8. **READI 2.0 Update (RJL Solutions)**
   - 8.1. **Project Update**: Most READI 2.0 projects are currently working through the Compliance stage. All projects must be through Compliance by July 31, 2026 and must receive their first disbursement by September 30, 2026.
   - 8.2. **Parke County Regional Sewer Project – Phase 1:** IEDC provided pre-commitment letter for signature for $850,000 in READI 2.0 funds.
     - 8.2.1. **Vote to Approve Pre-Commitment Letter for Parke County Regional Sewer Project – Phase 1**: Chadd Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Josh Alsip seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Old Business**: None
10. **New Business**: None
11. **Adjournment**

Adopted and approved by the Regional Development Authority Board of Managers on this 29 day of JUN (month) 2026 (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.

