WABASH RIVER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2026 at 3:30 p.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 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**: Betsy Peperak, RJL Solutions; Luke Conner, RJL Solutions; Rachel Leslie, RJL Solutions (consultants); 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. May 8, 2026 – public meeting; Josh Alsip made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Rennels seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Opportunity Zones 2.0: A Tool for Community Investment:** Luke Conner, RJL Solutions, presented on Opportunity Zones 2.0. The board discussed RJL Solutions pursuing Opportunity Zones within the Wabash River Region from county leadership.
   6.1. **Vote to Approve to Move Forward with Opportunity Zone Applications, pending county involvement:** Bill Rennels 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 $17,150,108.81 of the $19,400,000 in READI 1.0 funds. All funds must be disbursed by September 30, 2026. There are 4 projects remaining with funds to be disbursed.
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.
9. **Old Business**:
   9.1. **William Henry Harrison Presidential Mansion & Visitor Center Project Update:** Project stakeholder has submitted disbursement plan and two disbursement requests were recently approved.
10. **New Business**: None
11. **Adjournment**

Adopted and approved by the Regional Development Authority Board of Managers on this 14th day of SEPT (month) 2021 (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.

