

- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, June 20, 2019 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Bill Joiner, Christopher Campbell, Milton Reed, Randy Palmateer and Africa Tarver.

Thomas Golab participated via teleconference.

Seven members were present constituting a quorum.

D. Hollenbeck revisited the RDA’s telephonic meeting policy for the Board and the public indicating that under State statute the RDA has the ability to have Board members participate telephonically and count them as a quorum. D. Hollenbeck also stated that they can vote; however, under the policy, any actions that takes place, must be taken pursuant to a roll call vote, in order to be in compliance, not only with the State statue but also with the RDA’s telephonic meeting policy that was adopted in April 2013.

- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** B. Joiner motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by C. Campbell.
 - 1. **Minutes:** Board Meeting of March 14, 2019
 - 2. **Reports:** MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (1st QTR 2019)
 - 3. **Reports:** Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (1st QTR 2019)
 - 4. **Reports:** Zip Code Quarterly Report (1st QTR 2019)

The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

- V. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force**
 - i. **Amended and Restated Governance Agreement:** Concerning Development of the Rail Projects (with Exhibits) RDA/IFA/NICTD: S. Smelko (Ice Miller) reported to the Board that the team appeared before the RDA Board last July and put before the Board a Governance agreement which was essentially the roles and responsibilities that the RDA/IFA/NICTD were all agreeing to in order to push the rail projects forward. S. Smelko stated that part of that agreement contains exhibits that were pertaining specifically to the West Lake Corridor project from last year. As expected, in working in consultation with the IFA, NICTD, and the FTA, the RDA sought to be responsive to the

FTA concerns and aligned those concerns within this updated Governance agreement as well as provide for the various exhibits to update the project cost, schedule, and the financing plan of the West Lake Corridor project. In addition to that, we now have a project schedule, budget, and a financing plan for the Double Track project.

M. Reed motioned to approve the Amended and Restated Governance Agreement and exhibits between RDA/IFA/NICTD with a second by B. Joiner. The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

- ii. **Revenue Trust Fund Agreement:** RDA/IFA/NICTD: S. Smelko presented to the Board the Revenue Trust Agreement stating that the agreement is essentially the same agreement that was reviewed and approved last July related to West Lake Corridor project. The updated Revenue Trust Agreement provides for the accounts and subaccounts for each rail project. This agreement is the central depository for Rail Project Funds.

B. Joiner motioned to approve the Revenue Trust Fund Agreement between RDA/IFA/NICTD with a second by C. Campbell. The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

- iii. **Resolution 19-01: West Lake Commitment to Finance and Construct Rail Projects:** S. Smelko presented to the Board that Resolution 19-01 approves and authorizes the updated West Lake Project, including the updated Cost Budget, updated Schedule and update Financing Plan. It approves the updated Financing Documents for the project, makes the financial commitments contemplated by the updated Financing Plan and the 2019 Legislation supplied supplemental financial support from the State. It also authorizes the Chair and/or the CEO to execute the Amended and Restated Governance Agreement, Financing Documents and such other agreements as may be necessary to carry out the Resolution.

B. Joiner motioned to approve Resolution 19-01 with a second by C. Campbell. The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

- iv. **Resolution 19-02: Double Track Commitment to Finance and Construct Rail Projects:** S. Smelko presented to the Board Resolution 19-02 approves and authorizes the Double Track Project, including the cost Budget, Schedule and Financing Plan. It will also provide a process where we can take advantage of the Next Levels Connections Fund as well as a creation of subaccounts under the Revenue Trust Fund Agreement.

D. Fesko added that on Exhibit 4-A, in the packet, is a draft schedule with target dates that will be milestones for the project.

C. Campbell motioned to approve Resolution 19-02 with a second by R. Palmateer. The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

- v. **Audit Report: 2018 Financial and Internal Controls:** S. Ziller reported to the Board the RDA's 2018 financial and internal control audit that was accomplished by London Witte and the report was received within the mandated timeframe. The audit showed no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Further, the audit preparation process was smoother this year and more accurate due to the RDA's newly hired accounting and bookkeeping firm Blue and Co. S. Ziller expects the RDA's needs in this area to be more effectively met with this new and future resource. The Board has been provided with the full report, both electronically and with hard copies, and the full report will be posted on the RDA's website following Board acceptance of the report at the June 20, 2019 Board meeting. S. Ziller asked the Board to approve the 2018 Financial and Internal Audit Report as presented.

B. Joiner motioned to approve the 2018 Financial and Internal Control Audit report as presented with a second by C. Campbell. The motion carried, on a roll call vote, with seven members in favor and none opposed.

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Bill Joiner	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Thomas Golab	X	

VI. Project Status Review:

a. Surface Transportation and Development:

i. **Update:** *None*

b. Expansion of the Gary Chicago Airport:

i. **Update:** *None*

c. Shoreline Redevelopment:

i. **Update:** *None*

d. Transit Development Districts:

i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA has asked South Shore communities to provide GIS and planning data for use in drawing up the Transit Development District boundaries. Munster, Hammond, Ogden Dunes and Michigan City have responded with planning and/or GIS data and we continue to work with the remaining communities to get the information needed. RDA and its consulting team have toured Munster/Dyer and held preliminary discussions with town leadership to get a better understanding of their vision for the station and surrounding development. Munster has asked to give them some breathing space while they complete their ongoing zoning code update, and we hope to hold our first public meeting there in late summer or early fall. In the meantime we are talking with Dyer leadership, again to make sure we are incorporating their wants and needs into the planning. We will be moving forward with other communities as our capabilities permit. We will be following the same process of on-site visits, conversations with community leadership and a series of at least two public meetings in each community. The TDD Steering Committee's next

meeting is scheduled for August 21st at 10 a.m. here at the Purdue Tech Center, and as always we would welcome everyone's attendance.

e. **RDA Operations:**

- i. **Update:** The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded a \$600,000 grant through their Brownfields Program to a coalition that includes the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Northwest Indiana Forum Foundation, and the RDA. The grant will be used to conduct environmental site assessments, prepare cleanup plans, and implement community outreach activities. NIRPC will be in charge of the funds, the RDA will handle project management and the Forum will assume a marketing role. This grant follows the \$1.4 million the RDA received from EPA for assessment and cleanup efforts in 2014, which has helped to fund assessment and clean up planning on about 27 sites, and cleanup actions at approximately 30 locations. S. Ziller thanked Jillian Huber (RDA Grants Manager) for all of her work on the existing EPA grants as well as her work on the recent successful EPA Assessment grant.

VII. **Unfinished Business:**

- i. **Update:** *None*

VIII. **New Business:**

- i. **Update:** *None*

IX. **2019 Board Planning Calendar:** The quarterly Board structure is reflected in the planning calendar.

X. **General Public Comment:** *None*

XI. **Adjournment:** Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy L. Jakubin