



- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director’s meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, September 10, 2020, via Zoom, with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Christopher Campbell, Randy Palmateer, Milton Reed, Africa Tarver, Patrick Lyp and Tony Walker. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** *None*
- IV. **Installation of New Board Member:** D. Hollenbeck administered oath and formally sworn in Patrick Lyp to the RDA Board of Director’s.
- V. **Consent Agenda:** M. Reed motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by C. Campbell.

- 1. **Minutes:** Board Meeting of April 9, 2020 *Approved*
- 2. **Reports:** MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (1st/2nd QRT 2020) *Approved*
- 3. **Reports:** Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (1st/2nd QRT 2020) *Approved*
- 4. **Reports:** Zip Code Quarterly Report (1st/2nd QRT 2020) *Approved*
- 5. **Reports:** Contractor Utilization Report (1st/2nd QRT 2020) *Approved*

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

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Patrick Lyp	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Tony Walker	X	

- VI. **Update: Second Amended Governance Agreement and RDA Additional Contribution:** B. Hanna reported that with the additional \$30M the Board authorized April 9, 2020, only \$6M has been set aside and spent. B. Hanna also reported that the RDA, along with NICTD and the IFA are waiting on the full funding grant agreement for the Westlake project and plan on making that announcement in the next couple of weeks.

VII. **Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force**

- i. **Audit Report: 2019 Financial and Internal Controls:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA’s CY 2019 financial and internal controls audit report was provided to the Board on June 23, 2020. The results of the audit were positive, a clean opinion with no weaknesses or deficiencies found. The process this year was unusual, as London Witte conducted its meetings via the internet or conference calls and the transmission of files and other data took place via email. Substantial and very helpful assistance this year was provided by Aliign, the RDA’s accounting consultant, and as in past years by Policy Analytics, as well.



S. Ziller also reported that the RDA statute requires that the State Board of Accounts review the audit, and that has been accomplished. In addition, Fiscal Task Force has also reviewed and accepted the audit and we are now sharing with the full Board for your review and eventual acceptance. Subsequently, we will post the audit on the RDA’s website upon Board acceptance.

T. Walker motioned to approve and accept the 2019 Financial and Internal control audit, as presented with a second by C. Campbell.

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

	YES	NO
Donald P. Fesko	X	
Christopher Campbell	X	
Randy Palmateer	X	
Milton Reed	X	
Patrick Lyp	X	
Africa Tarver	X	
Tony Walker	X	

VIII. Project Status Review

a. Surface Transportation and Development:

i. **Update:** *None*

b. Transit Development Districts:

i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA team has been developing study areas around each station. These areas are typically larger than the initial TDD (320 acres), but this allows us to go back to local leadership and pare it down to a draft TDD. So far, the RDA has completed and presented study areas to Munster, Michigan City, Dyer, Gary (Miller), Portage and Ogden Dunes, and the team is in the process of finalizing study areas for presentation to the rest of our partner communities – Hammond, Chesterton, East Chicago, and South Bend.

S. Ziller added that these draft TDDs will then be presented to the public in two public engagement sessions. The RDA will hold two such events in each community to present the draft TDD boundaries, explain what the district will accomplish and gather feedback and we will use that feedback as part of a final pass with local leadership to finalize the boundaries of the TDD. Following this, the RDA will present the TDDs to the full Board for approval and the RDA hopes to hold our first public engagement session later this year, as a combined virtual and in-person event.



In addition, S. Ziller stated that the RDA also continues to work with NICTD to integrate the FTA grant for transit-oriented development planning grant they received in June into our efforts.

Lastly, S. Ziller reported that the next TDD steering committee meeting is scheduled for November 18 and as always the public is welcome to attend.

T. Walker expressed his appreciation and thanked S. Ziller and the staff with the engagements around the TDD's and being open with ideas to the communities.

c. RDA Operations:

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported that the RDA will begin to work with Policy Analytics on the Administrative budget for 2021 and plans on sharing that with the Board and hopefully have that adopted by the end of the year.

S. Ziller also reported that the RDA received another Façade Improvement Grant application. The owners of the National Building at 605-607 S. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Neighborhood submitted a façade grant application to the City of Gary in July 2020. With the continuing infrastructure enhancement along Miller's downtown area on Lake Street well underway, the business owners would like to improve their Façade to make the streetscape more attractive for all and to attract and retain clients. As required under state law RDA staff is conducting a final review of the required documentation and assuming all is in order expects to sign off on the disbursement shortly.

IX. Unfinished Business:

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

X. New Business:

- i. **Update:** T. Walker requested a robust discussion with the Board regarding the upcoming 2021 Legislation session agenda.

XI. Future Meeting Dates 2021

XII. 2020 Board Planning Calendar: The quarterly Board meeting structure is reflected in the planning calendar.

XIII. General Public Comment: *None*

XIV. Adjournment: Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy L. Jakubin