

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

September 17, 2026 / NIRPC Dune Room – 8:00 a.m.

Members present

Austin Bonta, Bob Carnahan, Anthony Ferraro, Courtney Parthun, Denise Ebert

Staff and others present

David Hollenbeck, George Topoll, John Matwyshyn, Ty Warner, Talaya Jones, Lisa Todd, Darin Sherman

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Austin Bonta called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the August 20, 2026, Leadership Committee meeting minutes without opposition, following a motion by Bob Carnahan and a second by Courtney Parthun.

Review of Financial Status – June 2026

Committee members received the June 2026 financial materials electronically and in their meeting packets, including bank reconciliations for the NIRPC General, CARES, Revolving Loan, and Marquette Greenway accounts and expense and revenue reports for the General and CARES funds. Talaya Jones presented the materials at the meeting.

As of June 30, 2026, year-to-date expenditures were \$3,416,619 against a \$15,929,800 budget, while General Fund revenue totaled \$2,266,211 against a \$6,199,690 budget.

As of June 30, 2026, year-to-date NIRPC CARES Fund expenditures were \$19,787 against a \$25,000 budget, while revenue totaled \$20,108 against a \$23,000 budget.

The June 2026 General Fund claims totaling \$334,159.53 were presented and approved without opposition, following a motion by Bob Carnahan and a second by Courtney Parthun.

Review of Financial Status – July 2026

Before the meeting, committee members received the July 2026 financial materials electronically and in the meeting packet. The materials included bank reconciliations for the NIRPC General Fund, CARES Fund, Revolving Loan, and Marquette Greenway accounts, as well as expense and revenue reports for the General and CARES funds. Talaya Jones presented the bank reconciliations and financial statements at the meeting.

As of July 31, 2026, year-to-date expenditures were \$3,780,184 against a \$15,929,800 budget, while General Fund revenue totaled \$2,359,035 against a \$6,199,690 budget.

As of July 31, 2026, year-to-date NIRPC CARES Fund expenditures were \$19,787 against a \$25,000 budget, while revenue totaled \$20,236 against a \$23,000 budget.

The July 2026 General Fund claims totaling \$341,739.11 were presented and approved without opposition, following a motion by Bob Carnahan and a second by Courtney Parthun.

NIRPC Cash Policy

Talaya Jones presented the draft Financial Policies & Procedures: Operating Case Reserve Policy, which had been requested at the August Leadership Committee meeting. It was suggested that evaluating quarterly or semiannual compounding to ensure the agency earns meaningful interest income be added.

Personnel updates

NIRPC is experiencing a 24% increase in health insurance costs for its renewal. It was suggested to contact the Association of Indiana Councils (AIC).

Other Business

A meeting will be held on October 15 to review the CY2027 NIRPC budget.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.