



I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.

II. **Roll Call:** Present: Donald P. Fesko, Chris Campbell, Milton Reed, Randy Palmateer, Alesia Pritchett, Todd Elloitt, John Carr, Jason Gilliana and Dewey Pearman. Nine members were present constituting a quorum.

III. **Election of Board Officers:** Randy Palmateer motioned to nominate **Milton Reed** for **Vice Chairman** with a second by Alesia Pritchett. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Randy Palmateer motioned to nominate **Christopher Campbell** for **Treasurer** with a second by Milton Reed All were in favor and the motion was approved.

IV. **General Public Comment:** None

V. **Consent Agenda:** Chris Campbell motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by Alesia Pritchett. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

VI.

1. Minutes: Board Meeting of December 12, 2024	Approved
2. Reports: MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (4 th QRT 2024)	Approved
3. Reports: Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (4 th QRT 2024)	Approved
4. Reports: Employment Quarterly Report By <i>County</i> (4 th QRT 2024)	Approved
5. Reports: Employment Quarterly Report By <i>Zip Code</i> (4 th QRT 2024)	Approved
6. Reports: Contractor Utilization Report (4 th QRT 2024)	Approved

VII. **Project Status Review**

a. **Surface Transportation and Development:**

Update: Sherri Ziller updated the Board on both rail projects.

West Lake:

- Design is 96% complete; train signals and operating systems remain in progress.
- With the exception of BR101 and the Main Street underpass at Munster Dyer station, civil works are largely done.
- NICTD executed a construction agreement with CSX on November 13, and construction has started in the CSX right-of-way for BR101.
- Pile driving for temporary bridge at Main Street is complete, the temporary bridge at Main Street is to be installed in late January allowing BR101 to be installed during the middle of spring.
- Trackwork along the full length of the project is complete. Catenary system installation is near completion and work on system (e.g. communications and power) installation is beginning.

- Final paving of the Munster/Dyer station parking lot will occur in the spring. Work on the station and preparations for the installation of the bridge over Main Street continue.
- Construction is 88% complete.
- An extended period of testing and commissioning is required between construction completion and Revenue Service.
- The NICTD team is focused on when the trains will be running. Revenue Service Date of May 1, 2025, is NICTD's current target.

Double Track:

- Overall Construction is largely complete, the only construction remaining is attributable to the parking garage in Michigan City.
- NICTD is now operating in full double track mode.
- DT1 (Main Rail Project): Contract is complete.
- DT2 (MC 11th Street Station): Much of the parking garage structure is 80% complete and completion of the garage is scheduled for March 6, 2025.
- NICTD has been working on its scheduling and coordinating with Metra to improve operations

b. Transit Development Districts:

Update: AJ Bytner reported that the

President's Report:

Update: Sherri Ziller reported on the following:

1. **NCSP** – Sherri reported that the RDA's New Comprehensive Strategic Plan is being finished. RDA's staff will be scheduling times to meet with Board members to present the Plan, as well as setting up meetings with legislative and executive branch officials and NW IN regional stakeholders. The document will be presented first as a series of slides or outlined ideas followed by a quite voluminous report made available to everyone and on the RDA website.
2. **Legislative Update** – The RDA continues to watch a few bills that name the NWIRDA but our read, and this is early on, is so far, minimal impact to the RDA.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None

IX. New Business: None



- X. **2024 Board Planning Calendar:** The quarterly Board meeting structure is reflected in the planning calendar.
- XI. **2025 Future Meeting Dates:** Future meeting dates are reflected in the board packet and can be found on the RDA website at in.gov/rda.
- XII. **General Public Comment:** None
- XIII. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jakubin