

I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. CDT on Thursday, March 14, 2024 with Treasurer Christopher Campbell presiding.

II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chris Campbell, Alesia Pritchett, Phil Taillon, Milton Reed, Jason Giliana, John Carr, and Dewey Pearman. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.

III. **General Public Comment:** *None*

IV. **Installation of New Board Members:** Dave Hollenbeck formally swore in two new TDD Board Members: John Carr and Dewey Pearman.

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

1. **Minutes:** Board Meeting of February 15th, 2024 *Approved*

VI. **Presentation – Convention Center: Market Validation & Feasibility Study 2024 Update:** Sherri Ziller provided a brief overview of the process of contracting for the study.

Johnson Consulting presented to the Board the analysis contained in their work product and their methodology.

There was no approval of the study required of the RDA Board, and the study is now in the hands of the Lake County Commissioners.

The full study can be accessed on the RDA website: <https://www.in.gov/rda>

VII. **Project Status Review**

a. **Surface Transportation and Development:**

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

West Lake

- Design is 93% complete; train signals and operating systems and one major bridge remain in progress.
- Current construction is focused on utility relocation, bridges, station areas and retaining walls.
- Construction is 68% complete.
- An extended period of testing and commissioning is required between Construction Completion and Revenue Service.

- Revenue Service Date of May 1, 2025 is NICTD's current target.

Double Track

- Overall Construction is 97% complete.
- DT1 (*Main rail project*): Contract is substantially complete. Extended Track Outage is currently underway from Dune Park to Gary Metro, train service expected to resume April 8, 2024
- DT2 (*MC 11th Street Station*): The TOD developer has resumed work on the garage foundations. Completion of the garage is expected in December 2024.
- DT3 (*Gary Miller Station*): Contract is 99% complete. Final completion is expected April 1, 2024.
- DT6 (*Positive Train Control*): Contract is 86% complete. Coordination continues with DT1 contractor.
- Revenue Service Date of May 15, 2024 is NICTD's current target.

b. Transit Development Districts:

Update: Sherri Ziller reported that since the last board meeting, the RDA has met with Valparaiso (downtown), South Bend (airport), and Beverly Shores and Pines (1 potential TDD) and are moving forward with TDD boundaries with anticipated RDA Board hearings in fall 2024. The team is also supporting communities to navigate development potential from a technical standpoint. The RDA continues to work with both existing and new administrations on TDD implementation.

President's Report:

Update: Sherri Ziller reported on the following:

1. **NCSP** – The RDA has completed its selection of firms to work with in the carrying out of the NCSP project. The contracts are being worked out and a Kickoff meeting for all of the firms chosen is scheduled for March 18th. The RDA Board will be given regular updates as the project moves forward, and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of CY 2024.
2. **2023 Financial and Internal Control Audit** – Scheduled for the week of March 18, RDA staff is preparing internally, and fieldwork will begin soon.

c. Unfinished Business: None



- ci. **New Business:** None
- cii. **2024 Board Planning Calendar:** The quarterly Board meeting structure is reflected in the planning calendar.
- ciii. **General Public Comment:** None

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jakubin