



- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. CDT on Thursday, May 8, 2025 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Donald P. Fesko, Milton Reed, Chris Campbell, Randy Palmateer, John Carr, Jason Gilliana and Dewey Pearman. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **General Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Chris Campbell motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by Alesis Pritchett. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
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| 1. Minutes: Board Meeting of January 21, 2025 | Approved |
| 2. Reports: MWBE Quarterly Expenditure Compliance (1 st QRT 2025) | Approved |
| 3. Reports: Buy Indiana Quarterly Report (1 st QRT 2025) | Approved |
| 4. Reports: Employment Quarterly Report By <i>County</i> (1 st QRT 2025) | Approved |
| 5. Reports: Employment Quarterly Report By <i>Zip Code</i> (1 st QRT 2025) | Approved |
| 6. Reports: Contractor Utilization Report (1 st QRT 2025) | Approved |
- VI. **Action Items:**
1. **Audit Report:** 2024 Financial and Internal Controls:
 2. **Grant Agreement Change Request:** Hammond Lakes Area:
 3. **Delegation of Authority:** City of Gary Blight Elimination Contracts:
- 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 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 work is ongoing within the TDD communities. A successful work session was held on January 8, 2025 with the Town of Beverly Shores and Pines. The session was well attended and yielded valuable comments - the RDA is aiming for final approval of the boundary this year.

AJ also reported that the RDA team is exploring TDD boundary expansion, potentially including the South Bend Airport and Gary Metro South.

President's Report:

Update: Sherri Ziller reported on the following:

1. **NCSP** – Sherri reported that the RDA's NCSP is being finished. The 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, and the RDA Board should be contacted in the next week or so to schedule a briefing.
2. **Legislative Update** – The RDA continues to watch a few bills that name the NWIRDA.

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