



Warrick County Economic Development Advisory Council

Regular Meeting – September 17th, 2026 –3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Courtney TenBarge, Jerry Aigner, Stacy Tevault, Jenna Richardt, Steve Smith, Stacy Tevault
Members Online:	Brandon Hayes
Others Present:	Steve Roelle, Holly Gossman, Jacob Shelton, Herb Davis, Greg Richmond, Abbie Redmon, Rick Reid

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Courtney TenBarge called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes – August 20th, 2026
 - a. As not enough board members were present for a quorum, approval of the August meeting minutes was moved to the October meeting.
- III. Financial Reports – September 2026
 - a. Steve presented the EDIT financial reports and said there were no changes from last month.
 - b. As not enough board members were present for a quorum, approval of the financial reports was moved to the October meeting.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Lloyd4All
 - i. Steve told the board there are two upcoming Lloyd4All public meetings, one tonight at Harrison High School and a Warrick County session on September 24th at the Ohio Township Fire Station. He said these meetings are to collect public feedback on pedestrian and bike connections.
 - ii. Steve showed the board a slide with some possible solutions for grade-separated improvements, including a proposed pedestrian crossing for I-69. He also showed the board a slide on local and regional connectivity.
 - iii. Jerry Aigner asked who would be paying for the upgrades. Steve said right now they are just in the study phase, but once they determine priorities, these would be INDOT and MPO projects.
 - iv. Jerry asked if we should be getting feedback from County groups. Steve said he has sent the information to some groups, but we can also get more feedback once the project priorities are determined.

- v. Jerry asked if Area Plan is considering requirements for walking trails in new developments. Steve said there are no requirements for commercial developments for the County, but we have considered them for the Epworth TIF.
- b. BR&E Visits
 - i. Steve said he was recently at Zoeller Pump (formerly Lincoln Industries) for a site visit. He said they have about 75 employees in a 90,000-sf facility and do injection molding for pump casings. They are purchasing new equipment and are considering a future expansion. Steve showed a video of their manufacturing process.
 - ii. Steve said he will be visiting Ciholas next month.
- c. Economic Development Road Projects
 - i. Steve said we are looking at adding roads in the Epworth TIF area, including extending Vann Rd and Grimm Rd. He said the RDC will be discussing engaging Morley to study this concept during their meeting tonight.
- d. Capital Improvement Plan
 - i. Steve said the County's Capital Improvement Plan outlines how EDIT funds are spent. He said they are currently working on a new 3-year plan for the County. He showed the board an example of how projects are listed in the plan with the description, cost, timeline, and breakdown of funding sources.
 - ii. Herb Davis asked if the plan is only for capital projects. Steve said no, it includes anything funded through EDIT.
- e. Friedman Park 2nd Entrance
 - i. Steve showed the board an aerial photo of Friedman Park and said we have discussed the idea of adding a second entrance to the park for a long time. He said the Parks Department owns the land out to Anderson Rd, which is where a second entrance would make the most sense and help improve access for emergency situations.
 - ii. Steve said the RDC will consider having Morley plan for a second entrance and consider plans for the rest of the land.
- f. The Grove
 - i. Steve showed the board some branding samples for The Grove, the new name for the residential development at Epworth and Oak Grove. He told the board to reach out if they had any ideas on branding the district.

V. Old Business

a. Scales Lake Gatehouse

- i. Steve said County Council approved the funding for the new Scales Lake Gatehouse. They expect to start construction in November and be in the new building by May.

b. Lilly Grants

- i. Steve said we are still waiting for an update on the Lilly Grant funding for the performing arts center and public art commission planning.

c. RED Program

- i. Steve told the board the small group teams for the RED Program have been working on community engagement. We are currently working on a survey, micro-interviews, a photo share platform, and a phone that records comments.

d. Warrick Bucks

- i. Steve said the next Warrick Bucks promotion will start on the first day of fall.

VI. Additional Items

a. Upcoming Dates

- i. Steve showed the board a list of upcoming events including Party in Paradise, Porkapalooza, Boonville Square Flair, and the Lloyd4All meetings.

b. Other Board Business

- i. Jerry Aigner asked for an update on data centers. Steve said the Commissioners and APC are still working on an ordinance.
- ii. Greg Richmond added that Dubois County was having a meeting to present research on data centers from Virginia, where they are more common.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Jenna Richardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stacy Tevault seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:37 pm.