



Warrick County Economic Development Advisory Council

Regular Meeting – April 16th, 2026 –3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Terry Phillippe, Paul Perry, Jared Voellinger, Brad Pemberton, Ron Bacon, Courtney TenBarge, Steve Smith, Stacy Tevault
Members Online:	Jenna Richardt, Brandon Hayes
Others Present:	Steve Roelle, Holly Gossman, Jacob Shelton, Herb Davis, Greg Richmond, Abbie Redmon, Bernard Peter

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Paul Perry called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes – March 19th, 2026
 - a. Courtney TenBarge made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 19th meeting as presented in the meeting packet. Jared Voellinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 9-0 (Jenna Richardt had not yet joined the meeting).
- III. Financial Reports – April 2026
 - a. Steve presented the EDIT financial reports for April and said Baker Tilly is still working on our future forecasting. He said we should have updated financials next month.
 - b. Ron Bacon made a motion to approve the EDIT financial reports for April as presented. Courtney TenBarge seconded the motion. The financials were approved 9-0 (Jenna Richardt had not yet joined the meeting).
- IV. New Business
 - a. 4-H
 - i. Steve told the board County Council approved \$500,000 from EDIT for the new 4-H barn at their last meeting. He said 4-H is currently working on raising the rest of the funds and wants to be done with the project in time for the fair next year.
 - b. Project Vanguard
 - i. Steve reminded the board they recommended the tax abatement for Project Vanguard pending review of their completed application at last month's meeting. He said it will now go to County Council in May and June and the RDC will pass a resolution since the project is in a TIF area. Steve added that this will be the company's Midwest location.
 - ii. Herb Davis recommended the board vote on the tax abatement again now that we have the information from the completed application.

- iii. Brad Pemberton made a motion to recommend the tax abatement for Project Vanguard. Steve Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0.
- c. Lloyd4All
 - i. Steve said there was a Lloyd4All multimodal transportation meeting on April 6th. He said the meeting went well and was well attended, including elected officials and representatives from EMS and the Sherriff's department.
 - ii. Steve said we have shared our plans for future road and trail development so the INDOT team can update their plans. The public meetings for Lloyd4All should take place in June or July.
- d. Public Arts and Performing Arts Center
 - i. Steve told the board we have submitted applications for the Lilly Grant program for our public art initiatives. He said the School Corporation submitted an application for a feasibility study for a performing arts center and Tourism submitted an application for public art commission planning. Steve said the grant awards will be announced in July.
 - ii. Paul Perry asked about the funding structure for the potential performing arts center. Abbie Redmon said part of the study will be to determine the size and scope of a facility, which will determine operations.
 - iii. Herb Davis asked if we had pledged any backup funding from EDIT for these projects in our applications. Steve said we showed we can offer support for the planning efforts.
 - iv. Steve also said we are currently working on a draft ordinance for the public arts commission. The Commissioners would need to approve the creation of the board, and County Council would need to approve funding.

V. Old Business

a. Ohio Township Park

- i. Steve said the new Ohio Township Park is nearing completion and should be done around Memorial Day. He said we are moving forward with the funding committed from EDIT and the Epworth TIF.

VI. Additional Items

a. OCRA

- i. Steve said the Director of OCRA recently stopped by our office when he was in the area. He said OCRA is responsible for the RED program we are currently participating in as well as the Site Certified and Main Street programs.

b. Upcoming Dates

- i. Steve showed the board a slide of upcoming events for the America 250 celebration.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Courtney TenBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jared Voellinger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:17 pm.