



Warrick County Economic Development Advisory Council

Regular Meeting – February 20th, 2025 –3:42 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Jenna Richardt, Brad Pemberton, Courtney TenBarge, Steve Smith
Members Online:	Lynn Lingafelter, Brandon Hayes, Cliff Whitehead
Others Present:	Steve Roelle, Holly Gossman, Jacob Shelton, Herb Davis, Greg Richmond, Rick Reid, Pat Brooks, Mike Moesner, Phil Springstun

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Courtney TenBarge called the meeting to order at 3:42 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes – January 16th, 2025
 - a. Brad Pemberton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 16th meeting as presented in the meeting packet. Jenna Richardt seconded the motion. The January meeting minutes were approved 6-0.
- III. Financial Reports – February 2025
 - a. Steve presented the EDIT financial reports for February and noted that he made several changes to incorporate potential projects. He said the County is currently working on a financial plan and wanted updated forecasting.
 - b. Jenna Richardt made a motion to approve the February EDIT financial reports as presented. Brad Pemberton seconded the motion. The financials were approved 6-0.
- IV. New Business
 - a. March EDAC/RDC Meeting
 - i. Steve said he will be on vacation during our next scheduled board meeting on 3/20, so we will need to find a new date. He said we will get feedback, but the 19th will probably be our best option. He said we will go through the required notification process and update the board when we finalize the date.
 - b. J-Turns
 - i. Steve said INDOT is now suggesting J-turn configurations for three intersection upgrades in Warrick County scheduled for 2030. These would be at SR 62 and Epworth Rd, Bell Rd and SR 66, and SR 66 in front of Kaiser Aluminum.
 - ii. INDOT has provided their initial summary reports, but there are some inconsistencies and missing information. Steve said he has met with Bobby Howard and Jim Morley to discuss the situation. He said we want to meet with Kaiser Aluminum before we do anything with that intersection.

- iii. Phil Springstun said when they put in the J-turn near Dale, it created blind spots for semi-trucks.
- iv. Steve said we have asked for the full reports from INDOT that show all the alternatives that were considered.
- v. Courtney TenBarge asked why they were planning to redesign the Bell Rd intersection. Steve said it is based on crash data. The process started when the Highway Department asked INDOT to look at adding a truck apron.
- c. New Board Members
 - i. Steve said we are still looking for recommendations to give to the Commissioners to replace Tony Aylsworth on our boards.
- d. Update on Friedman Park Projects
 - i. Steve showed the board some pictures of the updates at Friedman Park. He said the safety railing has been installed along the trail and we will be updating the crosswalks.
- e. Active Tax Abatements
 - i. Steve gave the board an update on some of our active tax phase-in projects.
 - ii. Matrix Design
 - 1. Steve showed a photo of Matrix Design's new building, which is nearing completion. They expect to be in the new facility by April.
 - iii. Euronique
 - 1. Euronique is finishing up their 21,000 sf expansion to their facility near Elberfeld. They hope to have the project completed this spring.
 - iv. Kaiser Aluminum
 - 1. Kaiser's new 2-story Roll Coat 4 line should be open by the second quarter of this year.
 - v. E150
 - 1. ePackage Supply is currently finishing out the interior of their new facility at the North Warrick Industrial Park. They should be operational by the end of March.
 - vi. Rick Reid asked about the status of the shell building at the North Warrick Industrial Park. Steve said we get an updated list of active leads each month from Woodward. Prime foods is currently looking at the building, and several other companies have recently toured with Woodward.

V. Old Business

a. Alcoa Abatement

- i. Steve told the board the confirming resolution for the new Alcoa tax abatement passed 7-0 at the last County Council meeting.

b. Epworth to SR 662 Project

- i. Steve said he attended the public meeting for the planned upgrades for Epworth Road from Gateway to SR 662. He said the new design will incorporate sidewalks and bike lanes and will connect with the upgrades to the Epworth and SR 66 intersection design.

VI. Additional Items

a. Small Business Development Center

- i. Steve gave the board a recap of the SBDC's recent Launch Your Own Business event in Warrick County. He said they had the best attendance for one of these events in the past couple of years. Based on the interest, they plan to have additional meetings in June and October.

b. Upcoming Dates

- i. Steve showed a list of upcoming dates including:
 1. Parks and Trails Annual Gala – February 22nd
 2. Warrick County Wedding and Events Expo – March 2nd
 3. State of the County Chamber event – March 18th

VII. Adjournment

- a. Courtney TenBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Pemberton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:08 pm.