

AGENDA
ECI REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT
FULL BOARD MEETING – 1st Quarter / 2025
TUESDAY MAY 20, at 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTER

1. Welcome/Introductions: *Michelle Badders*

R. Dunnuck ~~Walters~~

2. Roll Call:

B. Walters

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

R. Dunnuck *Walters*

Bill motion a. February 11, 2025

*APPROVED
SHAWDON
SPENCER*

4. Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report through April 30, 2025

Bill motion

5. President's Report: *1ST ACKOR 2ND RON*

R. Dunnuck *Walters*

6. Presentations: Purdue/BSU CEDS Update *UPDATE ON PROGRAM*

A Cruz-Porter *Kyle's Schallan ANNOUNCED*

7. New Business: *5 LOW K'S DATE CEDS HOW COME AND HOW WORKS DEEP*

*WHAT IS EDD - BENEFITS
WHAT ABOUT APPROVED*

*motion
Walters
1ST HEAVY
2 SPANBERG*

a. Vision Zero Resolution 2025-01 *EXTRA EXPLANATION TO PASS RESOLUTION*

~~B. Walters~~ *MATTHEW NICHOLAS DEEP DIL*

b. Jay County Community Developer Update *DARLESA - CLASS FROM BSU - HOMES*

D. Lee *DISPERSED - APPROACH BUSINESS = JAYC*

c. Grant Updates: Local/Foundation *AWARDED \$30,000 LOCAL GRANTS WORK*

A. King *WORKSHOP = WALTER*

d. ECIRPD 2024 Achievements *FORMAT BOOKLET WHAT COMPOSED OFF*

B. Walters *FEED BACK - FROM GROUP*

e. Select USA 2025 *INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT = DEMAND LAW - EXPLANATION OF TRIP*

B. Walters *5 GOOD PROJECTS DIRECT INVESTMENT*

2 motion

8. Old Business: *COMPLITE*

a. Federal Grant Updates: USDA, EPA, EDA *CLOSED OUT 2020*

B. Walters *(COVID MOVES)*

b. SS4A Update *STARTING MAY 15TH WITH GOOD INTEREST AND PRESENTATION*

K. Swackhammer *- CONCERN COMMUNITY*

c. CCMG Update *ON HOLD*

B. Walters *- FUTURE MORE ACTION*

d. Brownfields *REWRITING - ONE CALL PROJECT COMMENT MAJOR FUTURE ON HOLD*

B. Walters

9. Roundtable Discussion *CAN STILL DO PROJECT PHASE I & PHASE II*

R. Dunnuck *Walters*

11. Adjournment: *motion Bill Ron 1ST 2ND STEVE ROSA*

R. Dunnuck *Walters*

ECI Before Aug mtg, SEPT 15th to late fly down 4 county region DID NOT make list for money

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-SS4A - ON WEBSITE - Walters explain what SS4A is =

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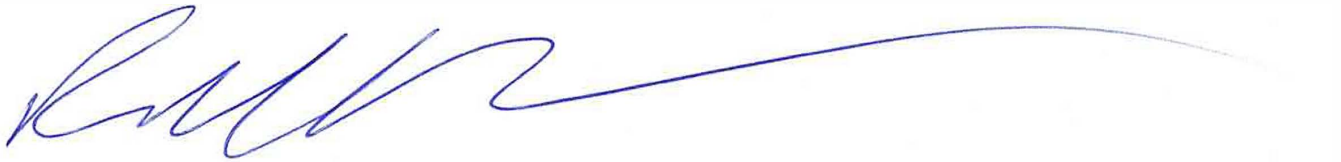
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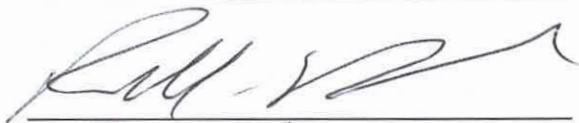


DATE: Aug 12th 2025

**ECI Regional Planning District
Proxy Assignment**

I, Randy Dunmuck, the undersigned appointee of the ECI Regional Planning District, hereby designate Bill Walters as my proxy with respect to my position on the Board of Directors of the ECI Regional Planning District meeting 5-20-2025.

The Proxy shall have the full power, as my substitute, to represent me and vote on all issues and motions that are properly presented at the meeting for which this designation of proxy is effective. The Proxy shall have the authority to vote entirely in the discretion of the Proxy, provided, however, with respect to the following issue(s) the Proxy shall vote as follows:



Appointee signature



William Walters, Director ECIRPD

8-12-2025

Date

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Full Board Meeting-Roll Call

BLACKFORD COUNTY			
	5 VOTING MEMBERS	2025 APPOINTMENTS	ROLL CALL
(3) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	1		
	2		
	3		
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF HARTFORD CITY	4		
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF MONTPELIER	5		
DELAWARE COUNTY			
12 VOTING MEMBERS			
(3) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	1	Shannon Henry	✓
	2	Traci Lutton	
	3	Kylene Swackhamer	✓
(1) MEMBER - COUNTY SURVEYOR OR APPOINTEE	4	Tom Borchers	
(2) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF MUNCIE	5	<i>Mayor Ludwig</i>	✓
	6		
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN	7	Spencer Rutherford	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF ALBANY	8	Randy Dunnuck	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF DALEVILLE	9	Steven Brogan	✓ <i>Proxy</i>
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF EATON	10	Meghan Deckman	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF GASTON	11	Brett Ellison	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF SELMA	12	Brent Devine	
GRANT COUNTY			
10 VOTING MEMBERS			
(2) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	1	Justin Saathoff	✓
	2	Ron Stewart	✓
(1) MEMBER - COUNTY SURVEYOR OR APPOINTEE	3	Lois Jones	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF MARION	4	Ronald D. Morrell Jr.	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF GAS CITY	5	Bill Rock	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF UPLAND	6	Jonathan Perez	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT	7	Steve Hedrick	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF JONESBORO	8	Bobby Goins	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF SWAYZEE	9	<i>Enclosed</i>	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF SWEETSER	10	<i>Vacant (called)</i>	
JAY COUNTY - POPULATION 20,478			
7 VOTING MEMBERS			
(2) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	1	Chad Aker	✓
	2		
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF PORTLAND	3		
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF DUNKIRK	4	Pamela Robbins	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF REDKEY	5	Brenda Beaty	✓
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE	6	<i>Vacant</i>	
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF BRYANT	7	Paul VanCise	
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA			
1 VOTING MEMBER			
(1) MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF INDIANA	1		
GUESTS			
Senator Braun - represented by Jessica Wedgewood			
Senator Young - represented by Erin Dove			
Warren Brown - Blackford County Economic Development			
Travis Richards - Jay County Economic Development			
Natalie Smith			
NEED APPT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS			

ECIRPD 2024 Year Overview

- Affiliate Members: SME (Brownfields), AEP, Engineering Companies.
- Board Meetings: Join us for one of ECI's Quarterly Board Meetings.
- Best Workshops: With the help of Ted Baker CEO of the Innovation Connector, he has teamed up with ECI to conduct Best Workshops in Jay County. Helping to empower business owners.
- NorthStar: Autumn Marshall ECI's Regional Coordinator for Broadband host Literacy and Computer workshops.
- Broadband: High-speed internet
- Brownfields: Revitalizing site for future economic growth that will benefit communities. 7 projects, 4 Phase I and 2 Phase II.
- DC Trip: ECI meet with the EPA to discuss the progress the team has made. The ECI

team has been asked to speak at the 2025 National Brownfields Conference in Chicago.

- CEDS: This summarizes the work ECIRPD has done in the region as an EDD.
- CCMG: This provides funding to help with all four counties in our region. With the help of INDOT, to help improve local roads and bridges.
- SS4A: ECIRPD received this grant to help enhance road safety in all four counties.
- Mayor Morrell has connected Marion IN back with ECIRPD.
- Community Spotlights: Every month our team with Spotted Monkey reaches out to a business within our region to conduct an interview to help with the business and the growth.
- Community Development: ECIRPD has been a proud sponsor during Business

Showcase Week to help promote business and development.

- Other Community Projects:
 - Soft Landings
 - Mental Health Facility
- Questions

Exclusive

VISION ZERO RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT (ECIRPD) BOARD ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY

Resolution No. 2025-01

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons residing, working, and traveling within the jurisdictions of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Jay Counties are of paramount importance, and their safety on our roadways is a fundamental priority;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy committed to the belief that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and therefore unacceptable;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero promotes a holistic approach to transportation safety that aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, traditional transportation systems have been designed primarily for the efficiency of motor vehicles, and a paradigm shift is necessary to ensure the safety of all users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public transit users of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges human vulnerability and the inevitability of errors, advocating for a transportation system that is forgiving and robust, designed to anticipate user behavior and minimize crash impacts;

WHEREAS, enhancing transportation safety supports healthier, more sustainable communities by encouraging active transportation and reducing environmental impacts;

WHEREAS, effective Vision Zero initiatives require comprehensive, coordinated efforts across all levels of government and the support of the community to achieve the shared goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero policies have been successfully implemented and supported across numerous jurisdictions within the United States, demonstrating significant benefits in improving roadway safety;

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Vision Zero Resolution is an essential step for the East Central Indiana Regional Planning District to formalize its commitment to improving road safety as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the ECIRPD Board, State of Indiana, that:

1. The ECIRPD officially adopts the Vision Zero policy as part of its commitment to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries within the regions of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Jay Counties.

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2. The ECIRPD commits to a strategic and data-driven approach to identify and address high-risk areas, implement effective interventions, and promote safe, equitable mobility for all residents and visitors.
3. This resolution mandates the integration of Vision Zero principles into all transportation planning and projects, and the collaboration among local governments, stakeholders, and the community.
4. The ECIRPD Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2025.

President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, is written over a horizontal line.



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