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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ATTENDANCE RECORD

DATE: August 18, 2026

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 500 West Main Street, Mitchell, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	
Clara House	Angela Crecelius	E
Sharon Mitchell	Angela Turpin	A
Pam Holzbog	Charlotte Speer	E
Bill Mitchell	Vicky Bauernfiend	E
Mary Alice Brown	Stacey Bowling	A
Sara Luallen	Reita Nicholson	E
Martha Fields	Karan Jones	E
Greg Taylor	Craig Jones	E
Nancy Miller	Seth Purlee	E
Gerald Montgomery		
Diana White		
Janie Johnson		
Rosie Wininger		
Rich Beaty		
Janet Harrison		
Bob Jones		
David Dedrick		
Richard Dixon		
Ava Kinney		
Max Bedwell		
Lana Sullivan		

* Alternate
A Absent
E Excused Absence

STAFF PRESENT: David Miller, Eric Zink (teleconference), and Angelia Owens

GUEST PRESENT: Lee Ann Watters and Christopher McKeon – Cherry Bekaert Advisory, LLC (via teleconference)

HOOSIER UPLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD MINUTES

DATE: August 18, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Martha Fields, Chairperson. Opening Prayer

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Roll call was done by Angelia Owens. There were (21) members in attendance. A quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: No corrections or questions.

David dedrick made the motion to approve July minutes. Max Bedwell seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

III. FINANCIAL REPORT – June Report and 2025 Audit Presentation

Gerald Montgomery made the motion to approve the June financial report as mailed. Janie Johnson seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

Lee Ann reported they are close to finishing up the final report. No audit adjustments were made this year. The audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Audit Standards. There were no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered material weaknesses. Hoosier Uplands is in compliance with all laws and regulations. The agency shows continual growth and strong financial position.

Martha Fields: The Board commends Eric for all his good work. We are very proud to have you with us as our CFO.

Following discussion, Rosie Wininger made the motion to approve verbal audit Presentation for 2025. Bob Jones seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

V. OLD BUSINESS: N/A

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Executive Committee will be polled (via telephone) by the Chairperson prior to the next meeting for the annual evaluation of the CEO.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: David Miller

REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The Limestone Edge Apartments Open House and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 13th.

Martha Fields: The apartments are beautiful, comfortable, and spacious. Angela Walls told me about one of the tenants who had been homeless for 17 years living in a tent in Bedford and she sobbed when entering her fully furnished apartment because she had never had anything like that before.

I know if you all had been at the Open House you would be very proud of yourself for being on a Board that works so hard to do what we can so that these people are taken care of.

2. Board members were given a memo from Debbie Beeler, Director of Children's Services, informing them of proposed changes the federal government has made to the Head Start program and the impact it would have on us and the families we serve.

3. The CEO informed the Board of the recent fire at Shawnee Apartments in Bedford that destroyed 8 units. We have already met with the insurance and architects and hope to start rebuilding soon.

4. A copy of the Needs Assessment for 2026 was given to each Board Member to review.

5. The Strategic Development department submitted a grant application to the Region 7 Growing Rural Opportunities for Well-being (GROW). If approved it will provide programming centered on mental health to the Springs Valley and West Washington Elementary afterschool program students. The full grant amount proposed was $96,591.20 for program year 1 and $148,731.57 for year 2. The GROW grant has potential to serve a total of 5 years if goals are met properly and align with the state priorities.

6. The Strategic Development department is currently writing a grant to the Indiana Department of Education for the 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program for the Springs Valley and West Washington Elementary Schools that would serve approximately 35 students at West Washington and 45 at Springs Valley. The grant is due on September 4th and is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2026 if awarded.

PROVIDED MATERIALS

- Program Director's Board Reports
- News/Other

VIII. ADJOURN

Rick Beaty made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Max Bedwel seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

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Reita Nicholson, Secretary

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