



**NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

June 29, 2021

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe McGuinness
Jeff Good

Andrew Kostielney
Jim Arnold

Jerome Prince

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Noland
Chuck Lukmann, Esq.

Justice Anderson
Steve Plesha

CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Lukmann, NICTD's General Counsel, called the meeting to order. Mr. Lukmann requested a roll call. Joe McGuinness, Andrew Kostielney, Jeff Good, Jim Arnold, and Jerome Prince were present.

RESOLUTION 21-10 REGARDING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. Lukmann introduced Resolution 21-10 regarding electronic participation during public meetings. The Indiana Open Door Law permits a governing body such as the Board to adopt policies allowing for electronic participation by members of the governing body under certain circumstances. The Board believes that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt the policies set forth in the Resolution to promote openness and transparency in governing and to allow for maximum participation of the members of the Board.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve Resolution 21-10 Regarding Electronic Participation during Public Meetings, Mr. McGuinness seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Double Track NWI

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the Double Track Project. In early May, NICTD rejected the bids for Double Track Project 1, enabling NICTD to improve the work scope. NICTD has been meeting with contractors to make the constructability of the project more efficient. Mr. McGuinness's team at INDOT has assisting NICTD in this process. NICTD is working diligently to evaluate contract risks, value engineer opportunities, and other funding opportunities. NICTD

anticipates a new bid will be available in the next couple weeks and a package will be delivered to the Board at the September board meeting.

Due to the delay in the bid award, NICTD anticipates two full construction seasons in 2022 and 2023 so the delay in schedule will not be substantial.

In addition, NICTD staff continues to work on real estate acquisition, demolition, and utility relocation in preparation for construction.

West Lake Corridor

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the West Lake Corridor Project. NICTD anticipate preparation for construction will begin in the fall and major construction in the spring. NICTD is working closely with F.H. Pacshen Ragnar Benson in the Hammond project office to work through design plans. Property Acquisition is nearly complete. Harris, Welsh, Lukmann, and Beam, Longest Neff are working on relocating the remaining commercial properties. NIPSCO is working to relocate utilities.

COVID 19 Operations/ Status Update

The mask mandate continues on the South Shore Line due to the extension of the federal Transportation Security Administration mandate for masks to be worn by employees and riders.

NICTD will continue to monitor these guidelines closely. NICTD is at about 30% Ridership during the week and closer to 40% on weekends.

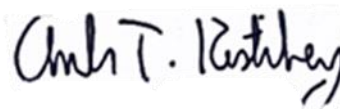
OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Good, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Kostielney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Kostielney, Secretary