



**SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN  
Wednesday, June 18 at 12:00 PM**

1. WELCOME

a. Roll Call

In attendance: CASH, GRISOLIA, HOLMES, MALONEY, PATENA, QUNELL, ROBERTS, SPENCER, VELLIGAN, WHITE

Absent: BLACKWELL, BONDS, BRASHIER, BUSHEMI, ESPINO, EVANS, KLIDERIS, SCHUFFERT, SEGARRA

Staff in attendance: TAILLON, SMITH, BECERRA, TAYLOR, WOLVERTON, LOPEZ

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. REPORTS

a. CEO Report

- i. The Convention Center announcement was made last month by the Lake County Commissioners that it will be in Gary.
- ii. Has meetings set up with Horseshoe and Ameristar. Ameristar currently has an interim GM, and the first week of July they will be announcing the new GM.
- iii. Phil will be sitting on the Sports Development Commission (Earl Harris Bill 1292) and the first meeting is planned for mid-August.
- iv. Budget approval process meeting will take place June 19
- v. The speaker series will begin October 1, and the first speaker will be the CEO of Visit Indy, Lenord Hoops.
- vi. We are participating in the Lake Station and Merrillville Fourth of July Parades this year.
- vii. The next board meeting will be before the NSA parade at Bulldog Park, so be sure to dress casually as we will be outside.
- viii. We have sent a letter to the Dillinger contact listing all the items we have in possession. They will get back to us after they look it over.

b. CFO Report

i. Innkeepers

1. May, which is March's collections, we collected a little shy of 400,000 so 398,000 which is about 33,000 down from this time last year.
2. Year to date, we've collected about 1.6 million, and we're down about a little over 100,000 year to date as well.
3. Now that we're hitting the summer months and there are lots of events planned, that we'll pick that back up and be able to recoup the difference.



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- ii. Financial Update
  - c. Approval of Claims #2883-2885; 30391-31723 in the amount of \$1,333,254.05
    - i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve claims, seconded by **VELLIGAN**. Approved unanimously 10-0
  - d. Staff Reports – In Board Packet
    - i. Air Show update
      - 1. We are 85% to our goal with sponsorships.
      - 2. We have 30 vendors, between craft and food vendors.
      - 3. VIP Party will be held 8/8 at the Popovich hanger.
  - e. Committee Reports
- 3. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Approval of Pierogi Sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000
    - i. Motion made by **VELLIGAN** to approve sponsorship, seconded by **CASH**. Approved unanimously 10-0
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes May 15, 2025
    - i. Motion made by **PETENA** to approve minutes, seconded by **CASH**. Approved unanimously 10-0
  - b. Approval of Fee Resolution 25-6-18
    - i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve fee resolution, seconded by **PETENA**. Approved unanimously 10-0
- 5. PRESENTATION
  - a. None
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Two (2) minutes maximum per person or five (5) minutes for a group spokesperson. Please keep your comments civil and constructive to policy issues. The Chair, at his/her sole discretion, may recognize individuals wishing to speak on different topics.
  - b. New Regular Meeting- Date: July 17, 2025, at 3:00 pm at Bulldog Park in Crown Point.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. Motion made by **SPENCER** to approve claims, seconded by **VELLIGAN**.