

SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Indiana Welcome Center
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN 46323
August 20th, 2026

1. WELCOME

a. Roll Call

- i. In attendance: BLACKWELL, EVANS, FABER, GRISOLIA, HOLMES, MALONEY, QUNELL, ROBERTS, VELLIGAN, WIESER
- ii. Absent: BONDS, BRASHER, CASH, ESPINO, KLIDERIS, PATENA, SCHUFFERT, SEGARRA, WHITE
- iii. Staff in attendance: PHIL TAILLON, HEATHER BECERRA, STEPHANIE SMITH, NIKKI LOPEZ, NICOLE WOLVERTON, KRISTIN TAYLOR, JEFF SANDERSON

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. REPORTS

a. CEO Report

- i. Welcomes Shelly Faber, the new board member, and thanks Doug Spencer for his service.
- ii. The Welcome Center is acting as a cooling and power station during the storm recovery.
- iii. Discusses the successful completion of the NSA and Cal Ripken tournaments despite the storm.
- iv. Reviewing all air show-related sponsor and performer contracts, including force majeure clauses, with legal counsel and determine how costs and sponsor funds will be handled, providing a clearer financial picture by the next board meeting.
 - 1. Planning a sponsor commemoration event in the next couple of months to recognize air show sponsors whose support could not be used for the canceled event.
- v. Mentions the Bears game featuring drone footage from Jeff Sanderson with the South Shore CVA.
- vi. Highlights the increase in innkeeper taxes for seven months in a row, attributing it to the efforts of the organization and local cities.
- vii. Provides an update on the convention center, anticipating it to be open in 2030.
- viii. Shares details of a legislative group meeting with representatives, discussing innkeeper taxes and the unique situation of South Shore CVA giving money to schools.

- ix. Speaking at upcoming Indiana Tourism Association marketing summit and a speaking engagement at the St. John Chamber.
 - x. Hosting partnership event at Hard Rock on 8/21; Theory of a Dead Man concert.
 - xi. Introduces a new partnership blitz video (The Museum at Lassen's Resort) showcasing attractions and events in Lake County.
 - b. CFO Report
 - i. Presents the financial report highlighting the seventh month of increased innkeeper taxes and the total collected year to date.
 - ii. Mentions the Q2 casino gaming revenue deposit and the upcoming supplemental deposit.
 - iii. Discusses the fixed expenses related to the air show and the hope of a wash in the next couple of weeks.
 - c. Approval of Claims # 2943-2945,31954-32463 in the amount of \$1,257,058.16
 - i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve claims, seconded by **VELLIGAN**. Approved unanimously.
 - d. Staff Reports – In BOD packet
 - e. Committee Reports
 - i. None
- 3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. None
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes July 16th, 2026
 - i. Motion made by **VELLIGAN** to approve minutes, seconded by **GRISOLIA**. Approved unanimously.
- 5. PRESENTATION
 - a. Trivia game on sports along the South Shore.
- 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: September 17th, 2026, at 12:00 pm at the Indiana Welcome Center.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Motion made by **VELLIGAN** to adjourn, seconded by **HOLMES**.