SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Indiana Welcome Center
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN 46323
September 17th, 2026

1. WELCOME
    a. Roll Call
        i. In attendance: BLACKWELL, BRASHIER, CASH, ESPINO, EVANS, FABER, HOLMES, MALONEY, PATENA, QUNELL, ROBERTS, SEGARRA, VELLIGAN, WHITE, WIESER
        ii. Absent: BONDS, GRISOLIA, KLIDERIS, SCHUFFERT
        iii. Staff in attendance: PHIL TALLION, HEATHER BECERRA, STEPHANIE SMITH, KRISTIN TAYLOR, NIKKI LOPEZ, NICOLE WOLVERTON
    b. Pledge of Allegiance
2. REPORTS
    a. CEO Report
        i. Kristin Taylor resigned as director of events; her last day will be September 30. The board recognized her four years of service and discussed potential future collaboration.
        ii. The Lake County Convention Center design process is advancing, with detailed layout discussions continuing.
        iii. The Cardinal Hotel recently opened in Highland; five additional hotels are expected over the next 24 months.
        iv. Air show sponsorship refunds and credits were discussed. Fixed costs were covered, and some vendors and sponsors applied funds toward future events.
        v. August marked the eighth consecutive month of positive innkeepers tax collections. Year-to-date collections were approximately $385,000 above the prior year for the Authority's portion and $487,000 higher gross.
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    b. CFO Report
        i. August produced the eighth consecutive month of positive innkeepers tax collections.
        ii. Year-to-date collections exceeded the prior year by approximately $385,000 for the Authority's share and $487,000 gross.

iii. Remaining appropriations, health insurance renewal, air show refunds, sponsorship credits, and future air show deposits were reviewed.
iv. Approximately 35% of annual appropriations remain. Health insurance is expected to increase by about 12%, or $15,000, effective October 1.
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c. Approval of Claims#2946-2947,32086-32547 in the Amount of $1,448,569.26. Staff Reports – In BOD packet
    i. Motion made by **SEGARRA** to approve claims, seconded by **HOLMES**. Approved unanimously.

d. Committee Reports

3. OLD BUSINESS
    a. None
4. NEW BUSINESS
    a. Approval of Meeting Minutes August 20th, 2026
        i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve minutes, seconded by **BRASHIER**. Approved unanimously.

    b. Approval of Air, Snow & Show INC. Gary Air Show Contract in the amount of $99,000 (2027) & $102,000 (2028)
        i. Motion made by **PATENA** to approve contracts, seconded by **BLACKWELL**. Approved unanimously.

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: October 15th, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the Indiana Welcome Center.
7. ADJOURNMENT

    a. Motion made by **SEGARRA** to adjourn, seconded by **MALONEY**.