

Warsaw Redevelopment Commission
June 15, 2026
Minutes

Present: George Clemens, Mike Klondaris, William Curl, Jack Wilhite, Joe Thallemer, Jeff Grose (Mayor) Jeremy Skinner (DOCD), Whitney Shilling (Recording Secretary)

Excused: Brad Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

George Clemens opened the meeting.

June 3, 2026, Minutes – Curl made a motion to approve the June 3, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Klondaris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2026-06-02: OIRI Innovation Development District- Skinner explained that approval of the resolution would set aside \$350,000 for the establishment of an Innovation Development District (IDD). He stated that approving the resolution is the first step required to secure state funding. Once approved, the resolution will be submitted to the state for consideration. If the state approves the request, the funds will be distributed to OrthoWorx. The City and County would then work together to establish a committee to guide the planning and development of the Innovation Development District. Thallemer asked Skinner to explain what an Innovation Development District (IDD) is. Skinner stated that the state created the IDD program approximately five years ago and has approved only one district to date. He explained that an IDD is similar to a large Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, except it is established by the state. A portion of the increased assessed value generated within the district would be returned to the local community, while most of the revenue would remain with the state because it is providing the funding. Skinner stated that the proposed district could encompass approximately 400 to 1,000 acres. While the exact boundaries have not yet been determined, the target area would generally extend from south of the Technology Park to Slate. The district would primarily focus on medical technology (MedTech) and agricultural technology (AgTech). The intent of the IDD is to leverage state funding to invest in infrastructure improvements that would support economic development and create jobs in the area. Following discussion, Thallemer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06-02. Wilhite seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2027 Budgets- Skinner provided a brief overview of the proposed budgets and upcoming projects. No action was required at this meeting. He asked the Commission to review the budget documents in preparation for their consideration and approval at the July 6 meeting.

Approval of Claims – Curl made a motion for approval of claims as presented. Thallemer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Adjournment – With no other business to come before the Board, Curl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wilhite seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

George Clemens, President

Whitney Shilling, Recording Secretary