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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes February 19, 2015

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Rick Vernier
Ken Sharkey	Robert Trentman
Bob Allen	

Members Excused:

Frank Heiligenstein	Marty Crawford
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Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Janice Kerin, Program Manager
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

County Board Chairman Mark Kern
Charles Lee, Public Building Commission member
Tim Cantwell, MidAmerica Airport Director
Randy Pierce, reporter

Call to Order:

Committee Chairman Sharkey called the Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Regarding the Agenda:

Mr. Sharkey asked if anyone present had a question or comment regarding the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the January 15, 2015 Committee minutes:

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the January 15, 2015 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the January 15, 2015 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business (Director's Report, information only):

Mr. Sharkey asked the Director to give his report. Mr. Beach stated there were 13 loans for 10 businesses in the current loan portfolio with a balance due of \$933,000.00. He stated there was \$495,351.00 in the CDBG loan fund and the CSBG loan fund remained frozen by the State (an action affecting every local loan agency statewide). He stated there were 6 phone inquiries or walk-ins in the prior 30 days.

He also discussed several new leads/prospects in the pipeline. Mr. Beach briefly discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) in the prior 30 days: Illinois Enterprise Zone Association (IEZA) Board meeting in Springfield, Mid-America Workforce Investment Board's Marketing Committee, St. Louis Business Journal's annual State of STL breakfast (County Board Chairman Kern once again was one of the featured speakers), various chambers of commerce meetings, Leadership Council's Labor-Management Committee meeting at the

SIBA offices (spoke as Co-Chair of the Scott AFB Task Force), Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce's Issues & Eggs event with Chairman Kern (Congressman Bost spoke), Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders, Inc. lunch meeting in Evansville, IL, Boeing's quarterly Congressional District Directors/civic leaders briefing with Chairman Kern at Boeing Ventures in the Cortex development in the St. Louis' Central West End, meeting with the Terminal Railroad (TRRA) in Chairman Kern's office, a few municipal TIF Board meetings, regional meeting/briefing regarding the Regional Freight District with Chairman Kern.

Also, Mr. Beach reminded the Committee members effective Monday, February 2, 2015 he would also be the new Executive Director at the County's Intergovernmental Grants Department.

New Business (Airport Director's Report, *information only*)

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Cantwell to give his report. Mr. Cantwell gave an update regarding the continuing good numbers from Allegiant's flights to Florida.

Mr. Cantwell, County Board Chairman Kern, and Mr. Beach gave a thorough briefing regarding the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) project. Chairman Kern discussed the site selection process underway by the Army Corps of Engineers, CH2M-Hill, and NGA. Chairman Kern stated his plan to involve the Committee as the County Board Committee to become engaged in the process as needed, and to receive regular updates and briefings.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

There were no additional comments.

With no other information to discuss Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vernier made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.