

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

**January 15, 2015**

#### Members Present:

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| Jerry Dinges   | Rick Vernier    |
| Ken Sharkey    | Robert Trentman |
| Marty Crawford | Bob Allen       |

#### Members Excused:

Frank Heiligenstein

#### Staff Present:

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

#### Others Present:

Charles Lee, Public Building Commission member  
Tim Cantwell, MidAmerica Airport  
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 November 20, 2014 Committee minutes:

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the November 20, 2014 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: due to lack of agenda items and the proximity to Christmas there was no December meeting.)

#### 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 \$945,818.00 (\$18,762.00 per month in repayments). He stated there was \$491,808.00 in the CDBG loan fund and the CSBG loan fund has been frozen by the State (an action affecting every local loan agency statewide). He stated there were 5 phone inquiries or walk-ins in the prior 30 days. He stated that one loan (Suria LLC) was paid off on December 15, 2014. Mr. Beach also stated there were 2 potential business loan prospects in the pipeline; one each in Mascoutah and Sauget. And he stated there were 2 additional loan prospects in early stage discussions; one each in Marissa and Duplo.

He also discussed 2 new out of state leads/prospects.

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: DCEO monitor met with staff regarding our CSBG loan programs; attended TIF Board meetings in Belleville, Swansea, and Mascoutah; Regional Port Working Group; several Scott AFB Task Force meetings, and Scott P4 Community Partnership planning sessions; NGA public meetings regarding their site search; IDOT's Gateway Connector on-going feasibility meeting; meeting with Tracy Tinsley from Scott AFB regarding their business sponsorship program; various chamber of commerce meetings; and a meeting staff arranged with Norfolk Southern Railway and MidAmerica Airport.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Cantwell to give his report. Mr. Cantwell presented a detailed update on activities and PBC agenda items (see attached pdf document). Mr. Cantwell went into detail. A discussion followed regarding his handout and other projects and opportunities at the Airport.

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. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.