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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges Robert Trentman
Bob Allen Ken Sharkey
Marty Crawford

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier Frank Heiligenstein

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Charles Lee, Public Building Commission member
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director
Ed Weilbacher, Kaskaskia Regional Port District
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 June 18, 2015 Committee minutes:

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the June 18, 2015 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the June 18, 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 gave an update regarding the business loan portfolio and discussed several new leads/prospects. He informed the Committee that enterprise zone fees of \$50,000 and \$9,990 were collected by the Department from LD Commodities (Louis Dreyfus Group) and Vanguard Truck Centers, respectively. Both businesses were locating in Cahokia.

Mr. Beach also brought the Abilene Trophy to the Committee meeting for all to see. He mentioned that St. Clair County would have the trophy for one month then transfer it to Madison County. Then it would be shared by any local community that would like to display it prior to it being sent back to the Abilene (Texas) Chamber of Commerce.

He also discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) in the prior 30 days: Scott AFB Task Force meetings and/or conference calls; and formative meetings of the soon to be announced Southwestern Illinois Trade Council.

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

Mr. Cantwell updated the Committee on current and pending activities at the Airport. He discussed passenger counts from Allegiant flights, fuel revenue, and the approval of the new concessionaire.

New Business continued:

Mr. Sharkey then introduced Ed Weilbacher, General Manager with the Kaskaskia Regional Port District. Mr. Weilbacher, who has spoken before the Committee several times, provided an ally/partner update on all current and planned activities at the Port District. He discussed the planned Fayetteville facility and thanked the County Highway Department for assisting by being the project applicant with IDOT. Mr. Beach reminded the Committee that the Port District covers half of the County's land mass and 11 townships; plus all of both Randolph County and Monroe County.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

There were none.

With no other information to discuss Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crawford made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.