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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2016

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Trentman
Robert Allen	Rick Vernier
Ken Sharkey	Marty Crawford
Frank Heiligenstein	

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director
Georgia Heiligenstein
Randy Pierce, reporter

Call to Order:

Chairman Ken Sharkey called the Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 July 21, 2016 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the July 21, 2016 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the 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 updated the Committee on department activities in the past thirty days. Mr. Beach gave an update on the \$8 million Front Street and environs project along and near the East St. Louis riverfront. He stated that pending a few last minute requirements, bidding will take place soon. He also mentioned that Erika Kennett has been hired as the new Regional Manager of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) working out of their Collinsville Office. He stated that he was meeting with her in his office the following Wednesday. He also gave a brief update on regional manufacturing efforts.

And he described the meetings attended in the past month including the Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders, Inc. (LKSI) monthly meeting with County Board Chairman Kern (this month in Fayetteville); annual awards/recognition breakfast of the Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) which is staffed and



managed by the County's Intergovernmental Grants Department (at the Shrine); briefing with County Board Chairman Kern, retired 4 star General Duncan McNabb, and former Congressman Jerry Costello regarding our efforts to attract more jobs and missions at Scott Air Force Base; Transportation Forum sponsored by the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois with Chairman Kern (at Fairview Heights); meeting with Ed Weilbacher of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District (KRPD) regarding future projects; ribbon cutting at the new Global Operations Command for DISA (Defense Information Systems Agency) with Chairman Kern (at Scott AFB); and ribbon cutting for the new Tim Horton's store (in O'Fallon). Mr. Vernier asked a clarifying question regarding the KRPD projects and Mr. Beach responded.

Mr. Beach also informed the Committee that its Facebook page remains active with 2,086 likes and 408 followers on Twitter.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Airport Director Tim Cantwell to give his report. Mr. Cantwell distributed copies of the 2016 Running Annual Report showing such items as passenger counts and fuel sales. He also mentioned that the Top 20 commercial airports in the U.S. have 80% of all enplanements. He informed the Committee that recent passenger terminal improvement bids were high and would be rebid.

Mr. Cantwell also distributed a background paper and a design drawing for an Airside Service Road Project and described the need for the project in detail. He mentioned the project had been approved by the PBC that morning and will go to the County Board for approval.

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. Heiligenstein made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.