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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
Lorraine Haywood, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Member
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director
Randy Pierce, reporter
Joseph Bustos, reporter

Call to Order:

Committee Chairman 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 February 18, 2016 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the February 18, 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 gave his monthly update regarding several new leads/prospects. He mentioned the small brewery lead from prior meetings resulted in two separate existing buildings being submitted to the company (the operation would be a back brewing and distribution site with no retail).

Mr. Beach also provided a detailed report on the NGA project and discussed the NGA Director's visit on March 4th that was also attended by the Governor and his senior Directors, both US Senators, two US Congressmen, and others.

He also discussed the meetings he and staff attended (or coordinated) since the last Committee meeting: small group meeting with the Director and Assistant Director of IL DCEO (hosted by Ameren Illinois); along with County Board Chairman Kern spoke to Belleville area high schoolers active in the CEO program (where they have created their own businesses); Boeing quarterly meeting at the STL headquarters along with Chairman Kern; Board meeting of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce; and, Economic Development Committee of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce along with County Board members John West and Craig Hubbard.

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

Tim Cantwell updated those present on activities at MidAmerica Airport including: Allegiant update including passenger numbers and 6th destination (Jacksonville, FL effective May 27th), and the parking lot expansion. Most Committee members and the media asked Mr. Cantwell several questions and there was a thorough discussion.

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. Dinges made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.