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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Trentman
Robert Allen	Rick Vernier
Ken Sharkey	

Members Excused:

Frank Heiligenstein	Marty Crawford
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Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director
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 August 18, 2016 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the August 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 updated the Committee on department activities in the past thirty days and other on-going projects. He updates the Committee on a possible Section 108 Business Loan project. And he informed the Committee that an enterprise zone fee check in the amount of \$19,284 had been received from Consolidated Grain & Barge (Cahokia Grain) as they were building a new terminal on the Cahokia riverfront. Mr. Beach also mentioned that Facebook likes were up 4 to 2,090 and Twitter followers were up 9 to 417.

And he described the meetings attended in the past month including meeting with Erika Kennett, the new IL DCEO regional staff person working out of their Collinsville office; Gateway Motorsports Park press conference regarding Indy Car; Belle-Scott event at Eckert's Millstadt for families of deployed military from Scott AFB;

Economic Development Committee of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce; and the regional Jobs Plus Job Fair put on the County's Grants Department.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Airport Director Tim Cantwell to give his report. Mr. Cantwell again distributed copies of the 2016 Running Annual Report showing such items as passenger counts and fuel sales. He also discussed the bids for paint/beads. Mr. Vernier asked a question about total fuel sales versus military fuel sales and Mr. Cantwell answered. Mr. Trentman made a statement wondering why some County Board members who had airport questions never showed up for this Committee meeting to learn and ask questions.

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. Vernier. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.