

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

St. Clair County Building
10 Public Square, Room A-300
Belleville, IL 62220 - 1623
Phone: 618-277-6600, Ext. 2670
Fax: 618-825-2745
www.co.st-clair.il.us



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Ken Sharkey
Robert Allen	Frank Heiligenstein

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford	Robert Trentman
Rick Vernier	

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
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 March 16, 2017 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the March 16, 2017 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 informed the Committee about a State IL DCEO lead/prospect called Project Kernel and described it the best he could with a reporter present. He also mentioned the Department received two enterprise zone checks (for issuing the sales tax exemption certificate) in the prior month: one for \$1,505.00 for a new 21,250 s.f. spec. warehouse in Dupu and a check for \$250.00 for a small expansion of a manufacturing facility also in Dupu. He mentioned that staff recently met with a manufacturing facility in the eastern portion of the County regarding our services and job training assistance from our sister agency, the Grants Department. And he gave an update on social media stats: Facebook with 2,161 likes and Twitter with 306 followers.

And he described the meetings attended in the past month: Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders, Inc. (LKSI) monthly lunch meeting (this month in Red Bud); East Side Aligned update session in East St. Louis; and the Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) Board meeting at the Shrine.



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

Mr. Beach stated that Mr. Cantwell was out of town on business but he had emailed his status report which Mr. Beach distributed. The report was a 31 page document that included slides, background papers, and the proposed Agreement between District 9 Machinists and maintenance workers at the Airport. The report also contained his monthly running report of flight activities, fuel sold, office space lease in the passenger terminal, master planning status, parking lot needs, passenger bridge improvements planned and related activities.

Old Business

At a prior meeting Mr. Beach and Mr. Cantwell updated the Committee on efforts by Chairman Kern and staff to grow and retain jobs and missions at Scott AFB. And Mr. Beach discussed the County's active membership in the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). Mr. Heiligenstein promised to get involved too.

At this meeting he updated the Committee about his actions which included coordinating a meeting with Congressman Bost at his O'Fallon district office to discuss additional ways the County can assist Scott AFB. Mr. Heiligenstein said it was a good one hour meeting and other County Board members and state officials were also present. Mr. Boch stated he thought it was a good dialogue. A discussion followed Mr. Heiligenstein's verbal report.

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.