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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Allen
Marty Crawford	Ken Sharkey

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier	Robert Trentman
Frank Heiligenstein	

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Fred Boch, County Board Member
John West, County Board Member
June Chartrand, County Board Member
Michael O'Donnell, County Board Member
Ken Easterley, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Tim Cantwell, Director-MidAmerica Airport
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 November 17, 2016 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the November 17, 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 mentioned that two additional enterprise zone fee checks were received by expanding businesses in December bringing the year 2016 total received of \$77,223.10.

He gave a brief update on the River Bridge District/Front Street project and he also mentioned a possible lead/prospect considering a site on the Kaskaskia River. He stated that he had spoken with both the business and the Kaskaskia Regional Port District who had referred the business to him.

Mr. Beach also mentioned that Facebook likes were up 9 to 2,118 and Twitter followers were up 26 to 463. And he described meetings staff attended in the past month: annual New Baden TIF Board meeting, Scott AFB 100th anniversary kick-off ceremony with County Board Chairman Kern, and the Economic Development Committee of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce with County Board Members John West and Craig Hubbard. He mentioned there were additional meetings but a problem with the County's email system prevented him from accessing his calendar from 2016.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Cantwell to give the MidAmerica Airport update. Mr. Cantwell distributed the airport running report and discussed the changes in the report from the prior month. He also discussed the County PBC action from earlier in the day including: new portable boarding bridge needed (he found a used one for \$45,000 in Vermont and most used ones are in the \$60-80,000 range), annual Agreement with ATS for ground handling, and updated information from the Sixel consultants.

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. Allen made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.