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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Randy Pierce, reporter

Call to Order:

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 September 21, 2017 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the September 21, 2017 Committee minutes. Mr. Heiligenstein made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Dinges. 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 two new leads/prospects, one each from the IL DCEO and the STL Regional Chamber: Project Columbus and Project Nickel, respectively. He stated the regional Amazon HQ2 was submitted on time. He distributed the press release. He also informed the Committee that Phase 1 of the River Bridge District project on the East St. Louis riverfront was 63% complete. He briefed the Committee on a recent tour and update session held by the Kaskaskia Regional Port District at their office in Red Bud and at their KRPD Dock #1 near New Athens.

Mr. Heiligenstein stated he would like to see the future possibility of assembling County Trustee parcels in East St. Louis as a means to encourage development.

Meetings attended or coordinated by the staff in the past month: the above mentioned Kaskaskia Port meeting in their Red Bud office and tour of their KRPD Dock #1 near New Athens; the quarterly meeting of Boeing at their St. Louis facility; and the annual Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) Business & Participant Recognition Breakfast hosted by the Grants Department. Mr. Heiligenstein made a motion to accept the Director's report, but it died for a lack of second.

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

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Beach to give the Airport Director's report in his absence. The handout and report prepared by Mr. Cantwell were both distributed by Mr. Beach.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

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 6:28 p.m.