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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes April 19, 2018

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Trentman
Ken Sharkey	Robert Allen

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford	
Frank Heiligenstein	Rick Vernier

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
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 March 15, 2018 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the March 15, 2018 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, action required):

Mr. Sharkey asked the Director to give his report. Mr. Beach updated the Committee on department activities and meetings since the March 15, 2018 Committee meeting and other on-going projects. He distributed his monthly report (March 16-April 19, 2018) to the Committee members and others present. In the report he mentioned that he had nominated County Board Chairman Mark Kern for the annual "Community Leadership Award" to the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) and was very pleased to report that Chairman Kern had been selected to receive this prestigious Award. Chairman Kern is being honored for his long-time support of Scott AFB (the major points in his selection were attached). Mr. Beach mentioned that while ADC will issue a formal press release later as the event nears in June, they did announce it briefly in their "On Base" newsletter. Mark and the other award recipients will also be

featured in the American Defense Communities *magazine* and they will be recognized throughout the Summit. We are longtime ADC members and also belonged to its predecessor-the National Association of Installation Developers (NAID). Chairman Kern will receive the award at the ADC National Summit June 18-20 in Washington, DC.

He mentioned two prospects/leads: Project Salad and a Solar Farm site request/lead and distributed information on both. He also updated the Committee on the grocery store project update (in the City of Lebanon). The St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone will assist. Previous monthly reports covered this project too.

He mentioned the Issues & Eggs breakfast event was successful. 98 RSVPs. The Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce told us it was one of their largest attended events for the Issues & Eggs series.

Meetings: meeting (March 20th) with a manufacturer that employs 20 workers in need of incumbent worker training and new recruitment too (took Rick Stubblefield to the meeting with me); meeting (March 21st) with the mayors and their staffs regarding our St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone expansion plans to assist the new grocery store in Lebanon; then conducted a public hearing (March 23rd) regarding the Enterprise Zone expansion; National Association of Community & Economic Development (NACCED) (a NACO affiliate) conference call (March 21st) regarding the new Federal "Opportunity Zones"; meeting (April 3rd) to review the proposed Strategic Plan for the Kaskaskia Regional Port District at the Port offices in Red Bud along with Port Board members and Port affected business and industry; spoke at the Issues & Eggs event (April 4th) sponsored by the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce with the topic of Amazon HQ2-what we learned regarding regionalism and the path forward; and the quarterly Mid-America Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) meeting (April 12th).

Mr. Dinges made a motion to accept the Mr. Beach's report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed. *(A copy of the report is a part of these minutes).*

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

Airport Director Cantwell did not to attend but he provided a handout showing the running annual report. One of the documents was an update from CMT on the Airport Master Plan (Phase 1). No discussion.

New Business (Resolution; St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone boundary changes; action required):

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Beach to present the Resolution authorizing the boundary changes to include a few parcels in the St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone to assist a planned grocery store. After a discussion, Mr. Dinges made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded Mr. Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

There were no other comments.

With no other information to discuss, Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trentman made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.