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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes August 16, 2018

Members Present:

Robert Trentman	Ken Sharkey
Robert Allen	Rick Vernier
Jerry Dinges	

Members Excused:

Marty Crawford	Frank Heiligenstein
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Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Jennifer Little, Executive Assistant/Special Projects Specialist

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director
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 July 19, 2018 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the July 19, 2018 Committee minutes. Mr. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Trentman. 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 July 19th Committee meeting and other on-going projects. He distributed his monthly report (July 20 - August 16, 2018) to the Committee members and others present. In the report he mentioned the following: He was working with no new leads/prospects in last 30 days but he continued to actively work the local three (3) he highlighted briefly in his last report.

River Bridge District: Ribbon cutting is being planned for late August. Details to come.

Meetings: At the request of Totsie Bailey (with the Southwestern Illinois Construction and Building Trades Council), he spoke (August 9) to the Council's Board (labor business agents/managers) regarding economic development activities in the County; attended lunch meeting (August 15) with Assistant Secretary John Henderson (USAF) at the Essex House at Scott AFB followed by a larger Community Council meeting at the

Base's Event Center. Also attending the lunch were County Board Chairman Mark Kern, Rick Stubblefield, and Tim Cantwell. All three of them spoke and made relevant remarks. The mayors of Belleville, O'Fallon, Fairview Heights, and Mascoutah also attended the lunch meeting. And at the larger Community Council meeting Chairman Kern remarked about the storied career of our late friend retired Brigadier General John Hughes. Chairman Kern then presented some of the County Armed Forces Ball Committee checks for various activities for the Wings on the Base. He attached photos from the lunch meeting and the check presentation. *As stated in last month's report, we had a private session with Secretary Henderson and his most senior staff while at the ADC Summit in Washington, DC in (June 19-20).*

Social media: Facebook page has 2,326 "likes" which is -2 since last month and Twitter has 752 "followers" which is +20 since last month. Mr. Beach continues to post 4-5 times on average weekly regarding our activities and those of our partners.

Mr. Vernier made the motion to approve the Director's Report and Mr. Allen made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sharkey asked the Airport Director to give his report. Mr. Cantwell distributed the Airport activity summary and discussed current and planned projects. He also mentioned that passenger numbers are on track to be 20% or higher than last year. Mr. Vernier asked where the Airport ranks and Mr. Cantwell stated MidAmerica was the sixth busiest in Illinois and was ranked 196 out of 515 commercial airports in the nation.

There was no Old Business and there were no additional comments or questions from the Committee or the public. Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trentman so moved and it was seconded by Mr. Dinges. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 6:20 pm.