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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

(none, all present)

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director
Dorothy Carlisle, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

John Hughes, Military Affairs Director
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Fred Boch, County Board Member
Ed Weilbacher, Kaskaskia Regional Port District

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 November 19, 2017 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the November 19, 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, action required):

Mr. Sharkey asked the Director to give his report. Mr. Beach updated the Committee on department activities and meetings since the November committee meeting and other on-going projects. Mr. Beach distributed his monthly summary report. A discussion was held regarding what we learned from our Amazon HQ2 regional efforts. And Mr. Beach also discussed two new prospects: Project Roof and Project Pace.

Fees received: \$30,200 from McKendree University.

Meetings: Annual TIF Joint Review Board meetings in Collinsville, Swansea, and St. Libory; Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; conference call with Lebanon Mayor Rich Wilken and a likely new business; McKendree University TEFRA public hearing held at Mr. Beach's office; ribbon cutting for the Metro

Landing Senior Housing Development in Swansea adjacent to MetroLink; lunch with Sheila Sweeney, the CEO of the St. Louis Economic Partnership to discuss the path forward for continued regional cooperation; and finally

attended the annual State of St. Louis Breakfast with County Board Chairman Mark Kern (he was one the speakers on stage).

Social media update: Facebook had 2,287 Likes and Twitter had 638 Followers.

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

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

Airport Director Cantwell was not able to attend and his report and attachments were distributed.

New Business (Partner Report, *information only*):

Mr. Beach invited Ed Weilbacher with the Kaskaskia Regional Port District to once again attend and provide an update on the status of all matters related to the Port District. He distributed the Port District's annual report and updated the Committee and current activities and projects.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

John Hughes also informed the Committee about the new Scott Inn at Scott Air Force Base which just held their ribbon cutting for the new 284 room hotel on Base. There were no other comments.

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. Allen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.