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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes October 18, 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

Others Present:

Fred Boch, County Board Member	Randy Pierce, reporter
Tim Cantwell, Airport Director	Bert Hampton
Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner	Kevin Wallace

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 20, 2018 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the September 20, 2018 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Vernier. 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 September 20th Committee meeting and other on-going projects. He distributed his monthly report (September 21, 2018 – October 18, 2018). In his report he mentioned there were no new leads/prospects in last 30 days. He was waiting to hear back from two of the prior leads/prospects. He also mentioned he continued to work with the Bobcat of St. Louis project on their planned relocation. He stated that he appeared before the County Zoning Board of Appeals (October 15th) seeking to rezone seven (7) County-owned parcels totaling approx. 124.66 acres on the north side of I-64/Rieder Road (Exit 21) to I-2 (General Industrial District). The Bobcat site was one of the parcels. The Zoning Board passed the request on a vote of 6 yes and 1 abstaining. He stated that zoning action goes to the County Board at the October meeting.

Meetings: Mr. Beach stated he attended the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) annual conference in Atlanta (September 30th – October 3rd); he appeared before the County Zoning Board of Appeals (October 15th) as stated above; he attended the Board of Directors meeting of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce (October 16th) and County Board Chairman Mark Kern was the guest speaker; and staff conducted two enterprise zone public hearings (October 17th), one each for the two Zones the Department manages (one at the Dupo Village Hall and the other at MidAmerica Airport); and he participated in a couple conference calls regarding separate highways improvements needed for area planned development.

Social media: Facebook page has 2,331 “likes” which is no change from last month and Twitter has 769 “followers” which is +8 since last month. Facebook: St. Clair County Economic Development (StClairCountyEconDev) and Twitter: @SCCEconDev.

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

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

Mr. Sharkey asked the Airport Director to give his report. Mr. Cantwell distributed his monthly running total of passenger counts, fuel sales, and related numbers. He also distributed the CMT Airport Master Plan Update report. There was a discussion regarding these items. He mentioned that his staff and Terry Schaddel with CMT will provide a more detailed Airport Master Plan Update at the November 15, 2018 Committee meeting.

There was no Old Business.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Committee or the public. Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dinges so moved and it was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 6:07 pm.