Grants Committee Meeting

June 12, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present:
Stephen Reeb, Chairman
June Chartrand
Willie Dancy
Richie Meile
John Waldron

Members Excused: Roy Mosley, Jr. Susan Gruberman, Asst. Chairman

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Jennifer Little, Executive Assistant/Special Projects Specialist

Chairman Stephen Reeb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reeb asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no comments.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand and a second by Mr. Meile, the minutes from the May 8, 2019 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mr. Waldron, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of May, 2019 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mr. Meile, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of May, 2019 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group and the report was placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Development Group and the report was placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Workforce Development Group and the report was placed on file.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mr. Meile, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Director's Report

Rick Stubblefield informed members he just returned from the Association of Defense Communities Summit held in Washington, D.C. He stated the summit went well; it was a great opportunity to work with people from around the country but especially those from Scott AFB as it is a huge part of what we do throughout IGD.

Workforce Development has been encouraged by the state to apply for additional apprenticeship funds that are available. Mr. Stubblefield added IGD's Workforce program is thought very highly of and is performing at a very high level in the state. He hopes we will get the additional \$500,000 IGD has asked for. The director has also asked him to serve on a state workforce committee with her.

The LIHEAP program has closed for this program year; PIPP [Percentage of Income Payment Plan] will begin recertifying participants in June. Mr. Stubblefield stated there may be funding available to add new participants this year.

Other Comments

Members thanked Mr. Stubblefield for keeping them up to date with his reports and emails.

Mr. Dancy asked about job openings. Mr. Stubblefield responded IGD did not have any current openings but added there is an abundance of openings throughout the area in manufacturing, hospitals, and apprenticeships. He added Workforce Development is working to fill the next cohort for medical assistants; BJC and Southern Illinois Healthcare are hiring those completing the apprenticeship program. Mr. Stubblefield asked Mr. Dancy to refer people who have the capacity and would be interested in participating to IGD's Workforce Development apprenticeship program. The program provides both classroom training as well as on-the-job training so participants are receiving income while in school. An orientation was recently held at Head Start on the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus. He stressed there are a lot of manufacturing jobs available as well as openings within the BJC Healthcare System.

Adjournment

Chairman Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mrs. Chartrand, motion passed and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.