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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

Members Present:

Ken Sharkey, Chairman
Robert Allen
Marty Crawford
Matt Smallheer
Robert Trentman
Rick Vernier

Members Excused:

Jerry Dinges, Assistant Chairman

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

May Brown

Call to Order:

Chairman Ken Sharkey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding the Agenda:

Chairman Sharkey asked if anyone present had a question or comment regarding the agenda. There were none.

Approval of December 11, 2024, Committee Minutes (action required):

Chairman Sharkey called for action on the December 11, 2024, Committee minutes. Mr. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Mr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business (Director's Report):

Mr. Rick Stubblefield stated that they are getting ready to release flood infrastructure projects. There were some questions after scoring the applications, so they gave applicants until January 31st to reply. Five of the six have tentatively been selected for awards.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that they have received the bids for the SAVE site, and they came in much higher than anticipated. They are working to try and adjust the scope of work for the project. They are still waiting for the sewer estimates. He will be meeting with SAVE tomorrow to discuss how to move forward. They are hoping to rehab to make residence for homeless, domestic violence victims, disabled workers and to keep the day center open.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the projects he has been referring to over the last few months have been moving forward. There is a \$1 billion manufacturing company that is looking to move to Southwestern Illinois, and he is optimistic about moving forward with that project. He is hopeful that he will have more announcements soon.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Housing and Urban Development announced that St. Clair County will receive another Disaster Recovery Grant in the amount of \$90 million. This will be used for flooding in 2024.

Mr. Smallheer made a motion to approve the Director's report and Mr. Trentman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no further comments or questions.

New Business (MidAmerica Airport Director's Report):

Mr. Darren James was not in attendance due to conflict.

New Business (Military Affairs Director Comments):

Ms. Kimberly Huth was not in attendance due to conflict.

Other Comments:

Adjournment:

Chairman Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smallheer so moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Vernier. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 5:14 p.m.