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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

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 April 9, 2025, Committee Minutes (action required):

Chairman Sharkey called for action on the April 9, 2025, Committee minutes. Mr. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Mr. Greenwald. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business (Director's Report):

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the announcement originally scheduled for April 10th regarding the location of a new billion-dollar plant has been rescheduled to June 25th. This change allows for representatives from different airlines to attend.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that St. Clair County, Madison County, Leadership Council, and St. Louis Freightway will co-host a Global Aerospace summit on August 13th and 14th at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon IL. The event will include collaboration with major industry players such as Boeing, West Star and Gulfstream. Suppliers will be invited to explore partnership opportunities, showcase available properties for future expansion, and engage in discussions about workforce development to support the growth of the local aerospace industry.

Mr. Stubblefield proposed the expansion of the Mid America Enterprise Zone. Lebanon is wanting to expand the Enterprise Zone a total of a half mile for a new project. The zone currently can encompass up to 20 contiguous miles, and with the planned expansion, 7.9 miles will remain available for development. He emphasized the importance of this expansion and expressed interest in working with other partners to move forward with the expansion.

Mr. Greenwald made a motion to approve the expansion of the Mid America Enterprise Zone and Mr. Smallheer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no further comments or questions.

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

New Business (MidAmerica Airport Director's Report):

Mr. Darren James was unable to attend due to a conflict.

New Business (Military Affairs Director Comments):

Ms. Kimberly Huth was unable to attend due to a conflict.

Other Comments:

There were no further comments or questions.

Adjournment:

Chairman Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vernier so moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.