

# **Pike County Economic Development Corporation**

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room**

**August 28, 2017**

#### **Attendees**

Patrick Conley, Jim Sheppard, Robert Wood, Brenda Middendorf, Max Middendorf, Kaye Iftner, Jeff Hogge, Casey French, Diane Vose, Craig Gengler

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Conley, Chairman, at 5:30pm. Meeting agenda and July, 2017 minutes were reviewed.

#### **Minutes**

After review, Max Middendorf made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Jeff Hogge second. Motion carried.

#### **Financial Report**

Craig Gengler summarized the Balance sheet as of August 25, 2017. Checking--\$33,251.14. PCEDC Savings-- \$32,819.22, Total Current Assets-- \$66,070.36. Profit and Loss July 20 through August 25, 2017: Program Income--Membership Dues \$1458.00. Gross Profit \$1,458.00. Total expenses of \$6,842.29. Net Income was \$-5,384.29. Craig reviewed the Profit & Loss statement for the year, the Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison and current list of members. Motion to place the report on file made by Jim Sheppard, second by Diane Vose. Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report**

Director Brenda Middendorf reviewed the written director's report.

#### **Marketing Director Report**

Brenda reported that they had begun work on the Film Office. Jim Filbert has volunteered to go through photos on file at the Pike County Express and to also take new photos for the Film Office. Brenda also mentioned contacting Kerensta Graham for photos. Gary is sending a template to be used for creating Film Office protocol. The Kazakastan group was preempted by Iowa. Gary is still working with Chinese general consult.

#### **Closed Session**

A motion was made to go into Closed Session by Casey French, second, Kaye Iftner. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 5:50pm.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Champ Clark Bridge Groundbreaking – Brenda reviewed the schedule of events for the Cham Clark Bridge Groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, September 8, at the riverfront in Louisiana, Mo. Andy Borrowman has been asked to speak on behalf of Pike County. Rep. C D Davidsmeyer and Sen. Sam McCann have both been invited to attend and participate.

Recharging Station on I-72 – Gary brought this to the Promotion/Marketing/Membership Committee's attention. There is the opportunity to submit an application on behalf of Pike County for a Recharging station under the Electrify America program as a part of the Volkswagen settlement. Electrify America is investing \$2 billion over the next 10 years in Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure and awareness. Plans are to build 240 stations in 38 states to create a nationwide network of workplace, community, and highway chargers that are convenient and reliable. This investment will enable millions of Americans to discover the benefits of electric driving. It would be on the county tax roles and be a reason to stop in the county. Offer new jobs. The thought is EV's are coming, let's get in front of it. The preferred location would be Exist 20 near Barry, utilizing property that is close to Wendy's and the travel plaza. Hopefully a kiosk could also be placed near the recharging station with information about New Philadelphia in hopes that people would visit the site are recharging.

## **Committee Updates**

Business Retention/Workforce Development – The Committee has dates for fall rollout with all four schools. Pleasant Hill , Pittsfield and Griggsville will be next week and Western will be on Sept. 11. There will also be Resume Clinics and an Employer Workshop at JWCC on Wednesday, August 30th.

Small Business Entrepreneurship Committee – The Small Business Institute has been set for October 20<sup>th</sup> at JWCC. Developing sessions and contacting potential speakers.

Promotion/Marketing/Membership Committee – Committee will be meeting with potential new members.

Municipal Needs/ Community Issues – Hosted a successful Elected officials Meeting on August 24. City of Griggsville provided the meal and site.

### **Chairman's Comments**

Patrick Conley had no comments.

### **Member Updates & Comments**

Casey French reported fiber is finished at school and Farm Bureau.

Diane Vose reported that classes started last week and enrollment is up for 64 to 106. The Community Room can be booked for events.

Jim Sheppard said the County Board was beginning their budget sessions. It looked like state tax cuts could be as much as 10%. The WiFi is not working in the Pike County Government building.

Jeff Hogge reported they have two parking lots to resurface. The slide for the pool still is waiting to be installed. The Apple Festival will be one month from tonight's meeting.

Max Middendorf reported on the activity on West Washington Street in Pittsfield including Haymakers and progress on the south side of the highway with Ace Hardware. There is also work on the sewer extension at LSSD. There will also be street improvements coming on the north side of JWCC.

Brenda Middendorf reported there will be a Pike County Clean Up Day for all Pike County residents on October 7 at the Hickory Ridge landfill from 8 to noon. All residents will be allowed one car or pickup load providing they are not delinquent in their account with Area Disposal.

### **Exit Closed Session**

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session by Max Middendorf, second, Jeff Hogge. Motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 6:29pm.

### **Voting for Closed Session items**

No motions.

### **Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn by Casey French. The motion was seconded by Jim Sheppard. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brenda Middendorf, Substituting for Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next meeting: Quarterly Meeting-Monday, September 25, 2017, Pike County Farm Bureau building.