

Pike County Economic Development Corporation

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room

July 31, 2017

Attendees

Patrick Conley, Jim Sheppard, Robert Wood, Brenda Middendorf, Max Middendorf, Kaye Iftner, Jeff Hogge, Kent Goewey, Casey French

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Conley, Chairman, at 5:30pm. Meeting agenda and May 2017 minutes were provided via email to members and were available for review.

Minutes

After review, Kent Goewey made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Robert Wood second. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Director Brenda Middendorf reviewed the written director's report.

Closed Session

A motion was made to go into Closed Session by Robert Wood, second, Jim Sheppard. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 5:50pm.

Old Business

New Business

Highway 54 Coalition Meeting Review – Brenda reported that Kaye had supplied the 2016 Visitor's Guide to Pike County and they were delivered to MoDOT for distribution to Massman employees and MoDOT employees. MoDOT has clarified that unless there is legislation to change, a bridge remains unnamed and is known by what locals call it, so until there is legislation to change the name the bridge will continue to be known as Champ Clark. She reported there was a great networking opportunity after the Champ Clark bridge reception at RiverView Park at Overlook Farms near Clarksville. The Tri State Summit is supporting making Route 19 a four lane and testified to that at the hearing on June 29th to the Missouri Highway

and Transportation Commission. Brenda showed a map from the Tri State Summit website indicating what the potential impact would be to Pike County if Route 19 is made a four lane. The Highway 54 Coalition will continue working with Tri State Summit member to gain support for a shared 4 on Route 54. They will also start attending Council meetings of the towns particularly impacted. At some point, an Illinois Committee needs to be named to work with the Highway 54 Coalition. MoDot indicated at the meeting that there would not be funds to make Route 19 a 4 lane and also make Route 54 a shared 4 lane so they will be in competition along with other highway improvements for funding. Local participation in transportation funding could also be critical in what highway gets improved. The PCEDC Board was receptive to hosting another Highway 54 Coalition meeting and suggested the October meeting. That would give them time to meet with the City of Pittsfield in September.

Committee Updates

Business Retention/Workforce Development – The Committee has dates for fall rollout with Pleasant Hill and Pittsfield and will be schedule Griggsville and Western. Because the program is not available to all grade brackets, there is a need for a lot of volunteers for application and resume training for year 2 and 3.

Small Business Entrepreneurship Committee – Developing sessions and speakers for a Small Business Institute in October at the JWCC new facility.

Promotion/Marketing/Membership Committee – A new membership promotional brochure was viewed. Committee will be meeting to strategize a plan for contacting new members.

Municipal Needs/ Community Issues – Committee is planning an Elected Officials meeting.

Chairman's Comments

Patrick Conley had no comments.

Member Updates & Comments

Exit Closed Session

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session by Kent Goewey, second, Jim Sheppard. 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 Max Middendorf. The motion was seconded by Kent Goewey. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kaye Iftner, Substituting for Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting-Monday, August 28, 2017, Pike County Farm Bureau building.