

Pike County Economic Development Corporation

Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room

June 26, 2018

Attendees

Brenda Middendorf, Karrie Spann, Diane Vose, Casey French, Jim Brown, Jeff Hogge, Max Middendorf, Kent Goewey.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karrie Spann, Secretary at 5:31pm. Meeting agenda and minutes were provided via email to members and were available for review.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed, a quorum was not present, so minutes could not be approved.

Financial Report

Financial report was reviewed by Brenda Middendorf. Balance sheet as of June 20, 2018: Total Liabilities & Equity \$78,189.36. Profit & Loss April 23-June 20, 2018: Net Income \$-3,813.92. Profit & Loss January 1-June 20, 2018: Net Income \$22,342.76. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison: Net Income up a bit, 6.6%, compared to 2017. Income by Customer Survey: 2 new members, ACE Hardware and Pike County Express.

Director's Report

Work Ready Certificates created and awarded at Griggsville/Perry High School & Pleasant Hill High School. Host Rural Reverse Funding Fair. Promote Job Fair. Recycling update-income survey met the grant requirements, however the sewer rate for the City of Pittsfield is too low to qualify for the grant. Working with the States Attorney and County Treasurer to get more Lodges in compliance with the Accommodations Tax Ordinance. Assistance with CDC application for new loan. Attended ribbon cutting for new Meredosia Bridge.

Quarterly Committee Updates

Business Retention & Workforce Development committee- presented Work Ready Certificates at Griggsville/Perry High School and Pleasant Hill High School. Virtual Job Fair was held, following up to see how many students were actually hired from the Virtual Job Fair. Work Ready Boot Camp in November to get students on board. Program may be reworked a bit to

offer a menu of choices for trainings and experiences. Business/Education Roundtable time may be changed to 4:00pm to get better participation from businesses.

Small Business/Entrepreneurship committee- met with Business Retention & Workforce Development committee to get ready for the Job Fair.

Renewable Energy/Telecommunications committee-Illinois Wind Project is slowly moving forward.

Old Business

Peace Corps Fellowship update-Justin will start September 1. Orientation on Sept. 10.

Advantage (Small Business Incubator) update-packet is ready, press release in both local papers. The Small Business Development Center paid for both of the ads in the local papers. Up and ready to go for a qualifying candidate.

Employer Workshop/Job Fair Review-28 businesses came, a lot fewer job seekers, 254 job seekers visiting the booths, 17 resumes, 3 interviews, 3 hires. Mostly positive feedback on the event. Many employers report they are struggling to find good candidates to employee.

Rural Reverse Funding Fair Review- 9 applications were selected and given 10-15 minutes to present to the panel of State of Illinois agencies. Feedback was provided and all were selected to proceed. City of Pittsfield presented.

Accommodations Tax Ordinance Revisions-changes suggested by the Tax Advisory Board were presented, want to create more overnight stays, increase compliance. Ordinance will sunset again in April 2022.

New Business

Highway 54 Corridor Group meeting- would like to schedule a September meeting in Pike County, Illinois. Project is ahead of schedule.

Opportunity Zone designation-City of Pittsfield was the only one in Pike County to receive the designation.

Solar Lunch & Learn planned for July 12. Tick Tock Energy is supplying the lunch. Discussing incentives, credits, assistance for business and residential solar options.

Recycling Update-Mental Health Work Activity Center is closing and they can no longer serve as workers at the recycling center. The recycling area will remain open but in self serve capacity. Area 4-H clubs will go out on Saturdays to do a clean up of the area once a month.

Chairman's Comments

None

Visitor Comments

None

Member Updates & Comments

Casey French-continued progress in fiber for the City of Pittsfield.

Diane Vose- GED testing site now open and going over very well. Informational meeting on the Truck Driver Training program on July 23 at 6:00pm. Enrollment in summer classes is up 32 students.

Kent Goewey-Western Illinois Fair went well.

Jeff Hogge-Selby is taking ownership of Beard Implement.

Brenda Middendorf- Access Food continues to look for a local processor. Christmas Lodge Tour has space remaining only on one day.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:48pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next Executive /Voting Meeting: Monday, July 23, 2018.

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, September 24, 2018.