**Pike County Economic Development Corporation**

**Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room**

**September 28, 2020**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Karrie Spann, Patrick Conley, Jim Brown, Jeff Hogge, Robert Wood, Max Middendorf

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Conley, Chairman, at 5:30pm.

**Minutes**

Meeting agenda and minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting were provided via email to members and were available for review. Jeff Hogge made the motion to approve the minutes, Jim Brown second. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Brenda Middendorf summarized the written Financial Reports. Balance Sheet as of September 25, 2020 – Total Liabilities & Equity $97, 293.13. Profit & Loss January-September 2020 – Program Income $31,247.00, Net Income $26,850.99. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison – Program service fees are down due to a decrease in activities due to COVID, we have not yet received an invoice from Gary Camarano-his work has been limited due to COVID and hopefully this will be reflected in his bill. Income by Customer Summary - $31,247.00. Motion was made to place the financial report on file by Robert Wood, second, Jeff Hogge. Motion carried.

**Directors Report**

Brenda Middendorf summarized her written report. Working with 8 potential new businesses. Hosted webinar for Business Interruption Grants, working with 12 businesses on BIG grants. New Philadelphia Association conference calls.

**Quarterly Committee Updates**

Municipal Issues/Community Needs committee: Holding off on Municipal elected officials meeting.

Small Business/Entrepreneurship committee: Zoom-Small Business Workshop

Business Retention and Workforce Development committee: making the Work Ready program virtual and using online content/modules for Work Ready certification.

**Old Business**

Revolving Loan Fund-Old loan hopefully wrapped up tonight at the Pike County Board meeting. Some other loans are in litigation and smaller loan is OK. Hoping, all loans will be wrapped up by the end of October.

Census Update-A lot of confusion with the Census people, haven’t had the amount of outreach that we desired in the County.

Regional Entrepreneur Meetup-very good, Glenn Ford was the speaker, included Southern Counties, challenges of COVID, would like to hold monthly virtual meetups.

**New Business**

Americorp Intern Resume-will interview the candidate Wednesday at 9:30am. This candidate, Camden Arnold, looks like a good fit for us. Resume was included in member’s packet.

PCEDC Community Survey-Press release with a link, Chamber email blast with a link, Brenda created the survey to update the strategic plan to get input from members to ensure that we stay on the right track. Emailing to all members.

Housing Survey-Illinois Housing Blueprint Survey-survey contains 6 sections that ask questions about communities housing assets, needs and visions for the future.

**Chairman’s Comments**

None

**Visitor Comments**

None

**Member Updates and Comments**

Jim Brown-business is up 15-25%

Max Middendorf-relocating and engineer to Pittsfield office, recruiting for intern for this office, Pikeland’s CEO program participated in a tour of the City of Pittsfield’s water plant.

Robert Wood-video gaming has spiked, Ed Knight is working on grants for Pittsfield Lake, work on US 54, asphalt at the tennis court, Dog Walk park possible, walking path at King Park.

Jeff Hogge-bids going out to have sewers lined, revenues are pretty good in spite of COVID.

Brenda Middendorf-Access Food is anticipating more donations, not able to take deer across State lines for processing.

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robert Wood, Jeff Hogge, second. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 6:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next Executive /Voting Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2020.

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, December 28, 2020.