**Pike County Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes**

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room**

**February 24, 2020**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Patrick Conley, Jim Brown, Max Middendorf, Jeff Hogge, Dallas Thueringer, Craig Gengler, Christy Davenport, Robert Wood, Kent Goewey

**Call to Order**

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

Members welcomed Christy Davenport, the new Pike County Chamber of Commerce Director.

**Minutes**

Meeting agenda and January 2020 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. After review, Kent Goewey made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Robert Wood seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Craig Gengler summarized the financial report. Balance Sheet as of February 24, 2020, Total Assets $73,389.54. Total Liabilities & Equity $73,389.54. Profit and Loss January 27 to February 24, 2020 Net Income $2,576.89. Profit & Loss, January 1-February 24 2020, Gross Profit $5,076.89. Total Expense $2,129.49, Net Income $ 2,947.40.

There was no Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison given.

**Marketing Report**

Northwest Illinois Film Office- Once funds are received from the approved grant, the Northwest Illinois Film Office website will be enhanced to include a landing page for Pike County. We need to continue to collect photos for potential Pike County film locations.

Continue to work with Project AP to finalize their financing with the Bedford Group. Also looking for local investors to participate in this project. On hold with DCEO regarding State incentives.

Community Supported Enterprises – Working on a grant for a Community Supported Enterprise demo project with Norm Walzer, Northern Illinois University. Barry charging station was mentioned as a possible project.

Leads –Gary will share leads from the International Production and Processing Expo with Brenda shortly

**Director’s Report**

Working on an Opportunity Zone Prospectus to send to Gary for updates. IIRA Conference and DCEO Conference are from February 25-27. PCEDC is presenting at IIRA Conference and Brenda is splitting time between both. Small business workshops are well attended.

**Enter into Closed Session for Voting Members**

Motion was made to go into closed session by Max Middendorf, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried. Entered Closed Session at 5:48 pm.

**Old Business**

Census grant can reimburse census related expenses, the first round is due by February 28th.

The tentative date for the annual meeting is March 31st. Need a licensed food service provider per the health department’s requirements.

**New Business**

Sexual harassment training with the Illinois Department of Human Rights. They have a system that is going online that will cover the new requirements. PCEDC might partner with the Chamber to provide a training for businesses and organizations.

May 4th and June 19th golf fundraisers are seeking sponsorship.

Two Rivers requested we fill out economic development and disaster preparedness surveys by April 10th.

The Rural Reverse Roundtable is coming up. Looking for shovel ready projects.

Rural Development has funding available for natural disaster repair however it does not need to be related to the disaster.

**Chairman’s Comments**

None

**Visitor Comments**

None

**Member Updates & Comments**

**Exit Closed Session**

A motion was made to exit closed session by Robert Wood, Jeff Hogge second. Motion carried. Exit Closed Session at 6:29pm.

Christy Davenport moved and Jeff Hogge seconded to sponsor the golf tournaments this summer. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kent Goewey, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dallas Thueringer, Intern

Next Quarterly Meeting: April 27th , 2020

Annual Meeting: March 31st, 2020