**Pike County Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes**

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room**

**January 27, 2020**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Karrie Spann, Patrick Conley, Max Middendorf, Jeff Hogge, Dallas Thueringer, Craig Gengler, Diane Vose, Robert Wood, Diana Halmick, Blake Roderick, Kent Goewey

**Call to Order**

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

Members of the Pike County Bicentennial Committee were present to encourage participation throughout the county. They would like support and assistance with publicity for Bicentennial activities. They currently have a FB page and encourage everyone to follow it. They also have monthly meetings. They would like a statement of support from PCEDC.

**Minutes**

Meeting agenda and November 2019 Board Meeting Minutes we reviewed. After review, Max Middendorf 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 January 24, 2020, Total Assets $72,057.14. Total Liabilities & Equity $72, 057.14. Profit and Loss January 1-24, 2020 Net Income $1,615.00. Profit & Loss, January 1-December 2019, Gross Profit $59, 689. 75, Total Expense $60, 156.55, Net Income $ -466.80. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, January-December 2018, Total Income $61,140; January-December 2019, Total Income $59, 689.75 (-2.4%change). Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, January-December 2018, Total Expense $46,928.43; January-December 2019, Total Expense $60,156.55 (28.2% change). Income by Customer Summary, Total $1,500.00.

**Marketing Report**

Northwest Illinois Film Office-Pike County is a member and has submitted a grant application for funds from the State to expand our film office and have been approved and are awaiting funds. Once funds are received plans are to expand the Film Office web site highlighting various locations available for media projects. 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.

**Director’s Report**

Meetings and Trainings meet with Lower Illinois Rural Prosperity Board in Winchester. Work with State’s Attorney for PLF closures. Elected Officials-update provided on new laws. Housing Workshop planned/save the date sent. Work ready Rollout-Griggsville High School Feb 3. Small Business Workshop Series-Feb 6 & Feb 20.

**Enter into Closed Session for Voting Members**

Motion was made to go into closed session by Kent Goewey, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried. Entered Closed Session at 5:53pm.

**Old Business**

U.S. Census update-hiring event was well attended. Computers will be available at the Farm Bureau building, JWCC, City of Barry for Census participation. Possibility of developing a FB page for the Pike County Census.

Hemp workshop in coordination with Pike County Farm Bureau was well attended.

**New Business**

Annual Meeting is generally in March or April. Need to establish committees and a date, time and venue for the Annual Meeting. The CEO of the aquaponics project has offered to come and speak at the meeting. Max Middendorf, Jeff Hogge, and Robert Wood will serve on the Annual Meeting committee. Blake Roderick will serve on the Nominating Committee.

Illinois Economic Development Association dues of $250 are due. Brenda stated that the Association has good resources, advice, networking and conference making membership beneficial.

Housing Workshop with USDA and the Pike County Health Department will be held at the Nebo Community Center on March 24 at 5:30pm. Discussion will be on grants available for home improvements.

Rural Community Economic Development Conference is being held February 26 & 27. We are presenting so there will be no charge to attend the conference.

AmeriCorps Internship is over July 31, 2020. We need to decide if we want to do a new application, there is only one applicant available in September 2020. Three applicants are available in January 2021.

**Chairman’s Comments**

None

**Visitor Comments**

None

**Member Updates & Comments**

Robert Wood-the City of Pittsfield has number of new projects in the works.

Kent Goewey-City of Griggsville is working on water line projects.

Diane Vose-JWCC semester is off to a good start. The Community room is very busy with events.

Brenda Middendorf- Lodge Tour went very well and are booking and planning for next year. Access Food program went very well, all expenses were covered. Todd Smith the new processor did an excellent job.

**Exit Closed Session**

A motion was made to exit closed session by Max Middendorf, Kent Goewey, second. Motion carried. Exit Closed Session at 6:29pm.

Blake Roderick made a motion to support the Pike County Bicentennial Committee, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Wood to pay the $250 membership dues to Illinois Economic Development Association, Kent Goewey, second. Motion carried.

Diane Vose made a motion to submit an application for an AmeriCorp intern for September 2020, Kent Goewey, second. 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 Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next Quarterly Meeting: March 2020?

Annual Meeting: April 2020?