**Pike County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Executive Board**

**Teleconference**

**March 31, 2020**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Patrick Conley, Jeff Hogge, Dallas Thueringer, Craig Gengler, Robert Wood, Kent Goewey, Casey French, Karrie Spann,

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes**

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

**Financial Report**

Financial Reports were emailed to members prior to the meeting. Reports included *Income by Customer January 1, 2020 -March 23,2020; P&L February 24, 2020-March 23, 2020; P&L January 1, 2020 - March 23, 2020; P&L Comparison Sheet By Year;* and the *Balance Sheet*(see attached). There were no questions involving the Financial Reports. Robert Wood mad ethe motion to place the Financial Reports on file, Kent Goewey, second. Motion carried.

**Marketing Report**

No marketing report was given.

**Director’s Report**

Upcoming activities have been suspended. Brenda Middendorf and Dallas Thueringer are working from home. Dallas used US Cellular to set up home internet. Casey French will provide Dallas with information regarding CASSCOMM rates for internet connection.

**Enter into Closed Session for Voting Members**

There was no closed session held during this meeting

**Old Business**

Census Update – We can’t go door to door or continue with our old action plan and are adjusting course. Dallas will send out official response rate link to committee members.

(<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>)

Sexual harassment training has been postponed.

**New Business**

The Downstate Small Business Grant has to go through a unit of local government such as a municipality, County, etc. Brenda is able to assist with the Grant application. Applicants must hold a public hearing and a notice for the hearing must be posted in a local newspaper. If the entity receiving the grant were to default on the grant, then it will be the unit of local governments’ responsibility.

**Chairman’s Comments**

Patrick Conley thanked those present via telephone for participating in the teleconference.

**Visitor Comments**

None

**Member Updates & Comments**

Casey French: CASSCOMM is opening up 45 hotspots in 32 communities. $9.95/month for e-learning option. Put a halt to fiber installation in most towns.

Jeff Hogge: The City of Barry still has all employees coming to work every day but keeping in mind social distancing. Some businesses are interested in assistance programs.

Robert Wood: The City of Pittsfield has employees working on a rotating schedule.

Craig Gengler: Mortgage rates are up and down at this time.

Due to concern over the spread of the COVID19 Virus, the PCEDC Annual Meeting was postponed.

Nominations for the Board of Director Positions and the Officers of the Cooperation were made via teleconference:

***Board of Director Positions***

Per the bylaws, the business and property of this Corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors.  Directors will be elected at each annual meeting of this Corporation and will serve until their successors are elected and qualified.  At the first meeting following implementation, the Board of Directors will draw lots to determine which directors are elected to an initial one year term (three directors), two-year term (three directors) or three-year term (three directors).  At succeeding annual meetings, directors are elected to serve three-year terms. Five Directors will be elected from qualifying public sector voting members representing the county of Pike, municipalities and districts therein. Four directors will be elected from qualifying voting members representing the private sector.

The Directors whose terms expire are:

Jim Brown, County Market –Private Member

Patrick Conley, Liberty Bank – Private Member

Jim Sheppard – Pike County Board - Public Member

These individuals represent two private and one public sector positions. The nominating committee makes the recommendation to appoint/re-appoint:

Jim Brown, County Market –Private Member

Patrick Conley, Liberty Bank – Private Member

Jim Sheppard – Pike County Board - Public Member

Are there any other nominations from the floor? Seeing none, Kent Goewey made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint: Jim Brown, Patrick Conley and Jim Sheppard to the Board of Directors for terms ending in 2023, Jeff Hogge, Second. Motion carried.

Officers: The officers of the corporation must come from within the nine member Board of Directors. The current officers are:

Patrick Conley, Chairman

Jim Sheppard, Vice-Chairman

Karrie Spann, Secretary

Craig Gengler, Treasurer

The nominating committee makes the following recommendations for the 2020-2021 Officers of PCEDC

Patrick Conley, Chairman

Jim Sheppard, Vice-Chairman

Karrie Spann, Secretary

Craig Gengler, Treasurer

Are there any other nominations from the floor? Seeing none, Robert Wood made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint: Jim Brown, Patrick Conley and Jim Sheppard to the Board of Directors for terms ending in 2023, Kent Goewey, Second. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Casey French, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karrie Spann, Secretary

Next Quarterly Meeting: April 27, 2020

Annual Meeting: TBD