**Pike County Economic Development Corporation**

**Executive/Voting Member Meeting Minutes**

**Pike County Farm Bureau Conference Room**

**October 26, 2020**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Karrie Spann, Patrick Conley, Jeff Hogge, Robert Wood, Max Middendorf, Jim Sheppard, Casey French, Blake Roderick, Kent Goewey,

**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 October 23, 2020 – Total Liabilities & Equity $95,282.22; Profit & Loss, September 28-October 23, 2020 Net Income $-1,711.14; Profit & Loss January-October 2020 Net Income $24,840.08; Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison-less programs due to COVID, Membership is close to the same, ahead of last year due to less contract services. Income by Customer Summary Total $33,747.00-MID USA Landscaping, Pike County Mercantile, Stark Brothers Nurseries & Orchards are all new members. Motion was made by Kent Goewey to place the financial report on file, second, Casey French. Motion carried.

**Director’s Report**

Brenda Middendorf summarized her written report. Large amount of time this month was spent closing out the Revolving Loan fund and with a grant application with DCEO. A lot of new business interest, encouraging BIG grant applications, virtual modules for the Work Ready program are up, Regional Meetup, a lot of job vacancies.

***Enter into Closed Session***

Casey French made the motion to enter into Closed Session, Robert Wood, second. Motion carried at 5:36 pm.

**Old Business**

U.S. Census wrap up-the Census was a frustrating and confusing process, dates kept changing, confusion with reimbursements.

Pike Revolving Loan Fund-the last loan is in litigation and will hopefully come to resolution at the Pike Count Board meeting tonight.

Personnel Update-our previous applicant withdrew, can not commit to part time. The Americorp Intern will be coming and is interested in staying as the director, looking for housing for the intern.

Regional Entrepreneur Meet Up-good speaker at the first meeting, Zoom second meeting provided a lot of good information.

**New Business**

Lower Illinois Valley Rural Prosperity Initiative update-this group is discontinuing regular meetings, they hope to do virtual meetings a couple of times a year. They were not successful in finding funding needed to continue.

Small Business Workshops-waiting until after the first of the year to continue the workshops due to COVID.

Work Ready Program modifications-Youtube modules/videos to be watched to receive a certificate.

LaHood Event-Congressman Darin LaHood will be at the Farm Bureau building Wednesday afternoon to share updates and hear concerns, will be here for approximately one hour.

**Chairman’s Comments**

None

**Visitor’s Comments**

None

**Member Updates & Comments**

Robert Wood-Ed Knight continues to work on grants for Pittsfield Lake, Dog Park in development, Fall Clean up next week.

Jim Sheppard-Pike County Board-budget wrap up tonight, Revolving Loan Fund, many have early voted or mail in voted.

Casey French-fiber, hot spots-Illini Hospital has sponsored 4 free hot spots in Pittsfield, 2 other hot spots are in Griggsville.

Blake Roderick-internet is free at the Farm Bureau building of needed.

Jeff Hogge-bid process is finished for sewer line lining, Ascend is building a new large greenhouse.

Kent Goewey-water line work continues in Griggsville.

Brenda Middendorf-Deer donations going well, have already delivered meat to Pittsfield Food Pantry.

***Exit Closed Session***

A Motion was made to exit Closed Session by Max Middendorf, Casey French, second. Motion carried at 5:59pm.

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robert Wood, Kent Goewey, second. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 6:22pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next Executive /Voting Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2020.

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, December 28, 2020.