**Pike County Economic Development Corporation**

**Executive Board Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Pike County Farm Bureau Building**

**August 23, 2021**

**Attendees**

Brenda Middendorf, Camden Arnold, Karrie Spann, Patrick Conley, Jeff Hogge, Robert Wilson, Jim Sheppard, Kent Goewey, David Camphouse, Shawn Rennecker, Craig Gengler, Casey Fench, Max Middendof, Trish Labby, and Charlie Gilbert.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was held in person at the Pike County Farm Bureau building. Members we also able to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Conley, Chairman, at 5:30pm.

**Minutes**

Meeting agenda and minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting were provided via email to members for review. Kent Goewey made the motion to approve the minutes. Jeff Hogge, second. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Craig Gengler summarized the written Financial Reports. Balance Sheet as of August 18, 2021 shows Total Liabilities & Equity of $113,556.07. Profit & Loss, July 26-August 2021 shows Gross Profit of $5,986.83, Total Expense $401.86, Net Income $5,396.97. Profit & Loss, January 2021-August 18, 2021 shows Gross Profit of $43,300.36, Total Expense $17,200.18, Net Income $26,100.18. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison shows a -2,122.19 change in Net Income when comparing January-August 2020 with January-August 2021. Income by Customer Survey total $29,478.00.

**Director’s Report**

Brenda Middendorf summarized her written report. Webinars-CPACE, Community Navigator, American Rescue Plan, Community Navigator DCEO training. Work on Pike Revolving Loan Fund closeout application. Community Navigator grant and Access Food grant.

***Max Middendorf made the motion to enter into closed session. Jeff Hogge, second. Motion carried. Closed Session entered at 5:42pm.***

**Old Business**

Pike County RLF – The Environmental Review Record has been completed and is being scanned and sent to DCEO. They have indicated it could take several weeks for them to review the documents.

Small Business Community Navigator Program – Brenda reported that a majority of the time has been spent on Community Navigator work this month. PCEDC is a spoke in the IIRA Hub which will net us $6,000. This grant began officially on July 1, even though it just recently received all the criteria and it will end Dec. 31, 2021. Work with the businesses has included contacting them through email, phone calls, and in person. Brenda also scanned documents for them and answered questions on the application and then followed up with problems. It has been a busy time reaching out to all our businesses and she continues with this effort. At this time she has not received any on confirmation on the second CN program that she applied for. If it is approved, PCEDC will have $100,000 to spend and will be hiring a new employee. One of the other interns has sent in her resume for consideration. Conference calls are held twice a week now on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Elected Officials Meeting Review – The Elected Officials meeting was good. Appreciation to the City of Griggsville for providing the meal for that event. Representatives from 5 communities plus a representative from the Pike County Board attended. A representative from Government Finance Officers Association explained the American Rescue Plan Act funding and offered a question and answer session. It’s very important that all of these funds are captured to benefit our region. Anything not committed will go to another community. Other items on the agenda were updates from the Code Hearing officer; Health Department updates including the mosquito testing program and the upcoming tire collection; and PCEDC updates on the Community Navigator program and a reminder of the deadline extension for Fire Department COVID assistance. Under Open Discussion was comments regarding the Census numbers. Shawn Rennecker supplied a handout on the current census numbers.

CPACE – The CPACE ordinance is a program that provides long term, fixed rate financing to private building owners for energy efficiency projects. It will be on the County Board agenda tonight. The ordinance creates the program and established the means of financing qualified projects.

**New Business**

Census Update - It’s a possibility that there will be a tax increase due to the decrease in population according to the census data. Republicans are litigating this. The prison population was not included in the Census count. Illinois legislators are in special session today to discuss Census issues. The Illinois House and Senate plan to return on Aug. 31 in Special Session to deal with legislative issues possibly including redistricting measures.

**Chairman’s Comments**

None

**Visitor’s Comments**

Max Middendorf-new engineer starting at MECO tomorrow.

Jeff Hogge-Apple Festival preparations underway. Fall Clean up. Ascend is scheduled to open phase 2 on October 8.

Karrie Spann-Corn Carnival preparations underway.

Kent Goewey- Smooth Sailing in Griggsville.

Trish Labby-she is the owner of the Pearl Fuel Mart and was present to advocate for the Village of Pearl. She felt that the community has many needs and she wants to help the community as much as possible.

Jim Sheppard-Decline in the Census numbers could mean a large tax increase for the County.

Casey French-broadband, wireless internet in Griggsville.

Brenda Middendorf-getting ready for deer processing season with grants and funding to cover costs. Christmas Lodge Tour is planned and the first date is full.

***Kent Goewey made the motion to exit closed session. Jeff Hogge, second. Motion carried. Closed Session ended at 6:22pm.***

**Adjournment**

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kent Goewey, Jeff Hogge, second. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 6:23pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karrie Spann, Secretary.

Next Executive/Voting Meeting: October 25, 2021

Next Quarterly Meeting: September 27th, 2021