

Pike County Economic Development Corporation

Board Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Pike Scott Farm Bureau Building

February 26, 2024

Attendees

Brenda Middendorf, Patrick Conley, Casey French, Craig Gengler, Robert Wilson, Kent Goewey, Jeff Hogge, Jenna Morrow, Diane Vose

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Meeting agenda and minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting were provided for review. Craig Gengler made the motion to approve the minutes, Kent Goewey second. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Craig Gengler summarized the Financial Report. Balance Sheet as of February 26, 2024: Total Liabilities & Equity \$210,653.70. Profit & Loss, January 22 -Feb 26, 2024: Net Income \$3,913.60. Profit & Loss, January 1- February 26: Total Income \$16,887.20, Total Expense \$182.00, Net Ordinary Income \$16,705.20. Income by Customer Survey, Total \$16,887.20. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, Net Income 2024 \$16,705.20, 2023 \$11,968.07, a change of \$4,737.13 (29.6%). Jeff Hogge made a motion to place the financial report on file, Kent Goewey, seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Brenda Middendorf summarized her written report. Small Business classes have started, press releases and social media promotions were made. Press release was also submitted for the next round of Accommodation Tax grant funding. The narrative for the Make My Move website was written. The Chamber Committee organization has begun. Community Navigator reports have been made. City of Barry monthly reports, County of Pike reports and EPA grant reports for Griggsville.

Motion to enter into Closed Session for Voting Members was made by Kent Goewey, seconded by Jeff Hogge. Motion carried.

Old Business

Organization update: Finances have not been transferred as of yet from the Chamber. Members have been contacted to serve on the Chamber Committee.

Make My Move update: The narrative has been written for the website and the City is putting together the soft incentives. An incentive that went viral for another community was the option to have adopted grandparents. These would be individuals who would attend children's events and provide support.

Annual Meeting – Whitetail Properties have been contacted and agreed to serve as the 2024 location. Brenda will meet with Barb McTucker the first of March to finalize details.

New Business

Director Position: Brenda reported that from the 5 chosen to interview, one had already accepted a position and one accepted another position prior to the interview, leaving 3 to interview. Two were then selected for in-person interviews. One accepted another position, and the remaining candidate cancelled the day of the in person interview. Brenda is reaching out to former interns, WIU Staff, for other possible options. Justin Krohn indicated he had found someone and they will be submitting their resume.

Chairman's Comments

None

Visitor's Comments

None

Member's Comments

Robert Wilson: making progress on City Hall expansion

Jenna Morrow: David Gay is new Farm Bureau President. They are updating the camera in the conference room, phone system, and new WiFi. She also reported the IEC is doing a build challenge for Broadband.

Kent Goewey: Cass Communications is bringing fiber to Griggsville. Should be moving City Hall in the near future to the former vet clinic.

Jeff Hogge: Bought 2 small dump trucks, demolished 3 structures and building by library coming down. They are completing a \$200,000 sewer lining project and awarded funds from the TIF to the Ag Dept for a greenhouse.

Casey French – Cass Communications have created Cyber Security product sessions for employees.

Brenda Middendorf-deer donation program winding up. Will need a processor for Pike County next year.

Motion to Exit Closed session: Kent Goewey moved, Jeff Hogge seconded to exit closed session. The voting members exited closed session at 6:50 pm.

Kent Goewey moved and Diane Vose seconded to allow Brenda to investigate hiring a recruiter. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With business concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kent Goewey, Diane Vose seconded. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 6:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brenda Middendorf