



**WHITESIDE COUNTY**  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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Approved Minutes

**MINUTES  
 WHITESIDE CARROLL COUNTY  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE  
 MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION  
 October 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pannier called to order the regular quarterly meeting of the Whiteside Carroll County Enterprise Zone Management Organization at 9:05 a.m. on October 7, 2014 in the County Board Room of the Whiteside County Law Enforcement Center Building, 400 N. Cherry Street, Morrison, Illinois.

EZMO members in attendance were: Bill Wescott, Ed Cannon, Robbin Blackert, Jim Duffy, Everett Pannier, Bud Thompson, Glen Kuhlemier, Paul Engwall, Tony McCombie, and Heather Sotelo. Also in attendance were Betty Steinert, Zone Administrator; Sandy Prescott, Secretary and Dale Eizenga of Morrison.

Absent members were Randy Balk, Carl Bates, Tim Crady, Skip Lee, Les Mitchell, Kevin Reibel, Bill Robinson, Larry Russell, Scott Shumard, Steven Swanson, and Vicky Trager.

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Bud Thompson made a motion to accept the appointments of Dale Eizenga, City of Morrison; Robbin Blackert, City of Rock Falls; and Bill Robinson, City of Savanna, for the term of 2014-2017. Bill Wescott seconded and the motion carried, unanimously.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Glen Kuhlemier nominated Everett Pannier as Chair; second by Robbin Blackert. Bud Thompson nominated James Duffy as Vice Chair; second by Bill Wescott. Glen Kuhlemier made a motion to close nominations since there were no other nominations, Bill Westcott made second. Glen Kuhlemier made the motion to approve Chair and Vice Chair as slated, seconded by Ed Cannon. Motion carried, unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Pannier called for public comment. There was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the distributed minutes dated July 8, 2014 Motion to approve minutes was made by Ed Cannon, second by Dale Eizenga. Motion carried, unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATORS QUARTERLY PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Quarterly Report	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
07/01/14-09/04/14	9	\$17,688,893	38	\$41,081.64

**ADMINISTRATORS FISCAL YEAR 2014 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Fiscal year Reported	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
12/01/13-09/04/14	16	\$21,573,888	67	\$51,205.31

Ms. Steinert reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance as of the end of September 2014 was \$331,670.50, \$160,000.00 remains at Freedom Bank, Sterling deposited in a money market account and the balance of \$171,670.50 in our checking at Triumph Community Bank, (formerly The National Bank of Morrison). Betty reminded the board that \$20,647.50 of the funds belongs to the JoCarroll Enterprise Zone, minus \$20,647.50 leaves us a balance of expendable funds of \$311,023.00.

A motion was made by Glen Kuhlemier to approve the Administrator's reports for projects; fees collected; fund balances and investments, second by Dale Eizenga. Motion carried, unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **WHITESIDE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The Whiteside County Comprehensive Plan has been completed and is on the county web site for viewing but still has a few corrections. The state has completed payments to Whiteside County for disbursement to MSA Professional Services for completion of the plan.

### **UPDATE ON NEW ZONE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Ms. Steinert presented two questions to assist the board with options we will be facing in writing the new zone application. 1.) Will all existing communities and counties continue to participate? 2.) Will we open the process to any new units of government within Whiteside and Carroll Counties? The application for the new zone must be received by DECO no later than December 31, 2016. Ms. Steinert stated once again that she hopes that we will be able to have our application ready to submit by December 31, 2015, that way we still have one more year for an option to apply. There was much discussion on what limits, job creation, and housing. Ms. Steinert reported that she hopes Lauren Lee, Whiteside County GIS Technician will be able to assist with completion of up dated maps once the final properties and legal descriptions have been approved. We may need a surveyor to complete the legal description and that would be at a cost. All board members agreed that we have the funds for that. Ms. Steinert urged everyone to go over the current Enterprise Zone maps of their municipalities and formulate questions. The process for the application of the new zone will require additional meetings.

Ms. Steinert shared that at the IEZA Fall Conference it was learned that public hearings must be conducted in a location that is within the zone. This was a change that none of us were aware of!

Ms. Steinert reported that she would be attending the groundbreaking of the new Holiday Inn Hotel in Rock Falls along the river front immediately following this meeting. This is located within the Enterprise Zone and the Rock Falls Tax Increment Financing District.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITION(S) OF TERRITORY**

Ms. Steinert reported that there were no requests at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Pannier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone Management Organization. Jim Duffy made a motion, second by Ed Cannon. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.