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Approved Minutes

**MINUTES
 WHITESIDE CARROLL COUNTY
 ENTERPRISE ZONE
 MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
 June 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pannier called to order the regular quarterly meeting of the Whiteside Carroll County Enterprise Zone Management Organization at 10:07 a.m. on June 17, 2015 in the County Board Room of the Whiteside County Law Enforcement Center Building, 400 N. Cherry Street, Morrison, Illinois.

EZMO members in attendance were: Glen Kuhlemier, Bud Thompson, Bill Wescott, Dale Eizenga, Heather Sotelo, Everett Pannier, Jim Duffy, Paul Engwall, Tony McCombie, Carl Bates, Skip Lee, Scott Shumard and Kim Ewoldsen. Also in attendance were Betty Steinert, Zone Administrator; Sandy Prescott, Secretary, and County Administrator Joel Horn.

Absent members were Randy Balk, Robbin Blackert, Ed Cannon, Tim Crady, Les Mitchell, Kevin Reibel, Bill Robinson, Vicky Trager, and Steven Swanson.

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 April 7, 2015. Bill Wescott made the motion to approve minutes, second by Dale Eizenga. Motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Yearly Report to Date 6/16/15	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
12/1/14-6/16/15	8	\$2,836,420	13	\$6,597.33

Ms. Steinert reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance was \$273,324.37 as of June 16, 2015; \$160,000.00 is in a money market account at former Freedom Bank with \$113,324.37 and in a checking account at Triumph Bank. Ms. Steinert also reported that she had conducted a meeting with the JoCarroll EZMO on June 10, 2015 of which she submitted to them a bill for time and expenses to be credit to the Whiteside Carroll EZMO in the amount of \$1013.00, giving the Whiteside Carroll EZMO a balance of expendable funds of 253,324.37 and JoCarroll expendable funds remaining of \$19,634.50 from \$20,647.50.

As previously approved by the EZMO the funds are all being moved to Farmers National Bank in Morrison, Ms. Steinert will email out a report to the EZMO by June 26th of the balance in the new checking account at Farmers National Bank once Darlene Hook, Whiteside County Treasurer provides that information.

A motion was made by Bud Thompson to approve the Administrator's reports for projects; fees collected; fund balances and investments, second by Jim Duffy. Motion carried, unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW ZONE APPLICATION PROCESS

Ms. Steinert reported that 67 zone applicants were submitted in the first round of the process which was due December 31, 2014. Those submitting who met minimum requirements have received letters stating they did meet the minimum required qualification, that the applications will be put out for public viewing as required by law and that new zone designation will be made by September 30, 2015 as state by law. I know a few who have received the letters but do not have a list of all of them.

Ms. Steinert also reported that she has met so far with the Cities of Sterling, Rock Falls, Savanna, and Thomson to review properties to be changed within the new zone and has had contact with Prophetstown and Mt. Carroll to discuss their participation within the new zone. It looks at this time that there will be 13 units within the new zone, and that could grow.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

At 10:27 Larry Russell made a motion to go into close session for: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, second by Dale Eizenga. Roll call vote as follows: Bud Thompson-yes, Jim Duffy-yes, Kim Ewoldsen-yes, Heather Sotelo-yes, Larry Russell-yes, Carl Bates-yes, Scott Shumard-yes, Skip Lee-yes, Dale Eizenga-yes, Paul Engwall-yes, Bill Wescott-yes, Glen Kuhlemier-yes. Joel Horn and Betty Steinert remained and Sandy Prescott left the meeting at this time.

At 10:45 a.m. the EZMO returned to open session.

OTHER

A short discussion was held with a consensus of the EZMO that an EZMO Executive Committee meeting be held on July 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to review resumes for the Enterprise Zone Administer position and to determine dates for those whom will be interviewed. There was also a consensus that the executive meeting be followed by a full EZMO meeting on the same day at 10:00 a.m. for them to report on the process.

ADJOURMENT

There being no other business Chairman Everett Pannier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone Management Organization. Bud Thomson made a motion, second by Paul Engwall. The motion carried, meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.