



MINUTES
WHITESIDE CARROLL COUNTY
ENTERPRISE ZONE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
Special Meeting
March 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pannier called to order the special meeting of the Whiteside Carroll County Enterprise Zone Management Organization at 10:08 a.m. on March 10, 2016 in the County Board Room of the Whiteside County Law Enforcement Center Building, 400 N. Cherry Street, Morrison, Illinois.

EZMO members in attendance were: Bud Thompson, Robbin Blackert, Everett Pannier, Kim Ewoldsen, Les Mitchell, Jim Duffy, Ed Cannon, Scott Shumard, Paul Engwall, Vicky Trager, and Carl Bates. Also in attendance were Sandy Prescott, Ezone Secretary, County Administrator, Joel Horn and guest Gary Camarano.

Absent members were: Bill Wescott, Glen Kuhlemier, Randy Balk, Tim Crady, Tony McCombie, Kevin Reibel, Bill Robinson, Larry Russell, Dale Eizenga, Skip Lee, Heather Sotelo and Steven Swanson.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to update the EZMO Board that Mary Beth Foster declined the position offered at the last EZMO Special meeting on Feb 11, 2016. Interviews were conducted on March 4, 2016. Gary Camarano was interviewed and members of the Executive Employee Committee each shared very positive views on the candidates' knowledge and experience. There was discussion and questions from the EZMO Board members that were answered by Mr. Camarano.

Ms. Prescott then escorted Mr. Camarano to another room for continued discussion from the EZMO Board.

Mr. Horn shared there was one request from Mr. Camarano to provide him with a laptop. This will be done. There was discussion on relocation time. One year was previously given to a candidate; all felt that time frame was still viable. A cell phone with a local area number will be discussed with Mr. Camarano and will be provided to him as it had been provided to Ms. Steinert. Mr. Horn also shared that there is a provision in county code for a pay scale to readdress salaries case by case.

Kim Ewoldsen shared ideas on a regional model for Economic Development. Ed Cannon expressed that from experience it needs to be an interest for all areas in the region. Mr. Horn stated that the ideas were brought before the EZMO Executive Committee and that Mr. Camarano may be able to lead development towards that in the future but felt there was not a specific need as of yet.

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve the employment of Gary Camarano with an annual salary of \$62,500.00. To be split between Enterprise Zone 60% and the county 40%. This is pending Whiteside County Board's employment approval at their regular meeting on March 16, 2016. Mr. Camarano would begin employment on March 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Bud Thompson. A verbal vote was then taken:

Bud Thompson-Yes	Jim Duffy-Yes	Robbin Blackert-Yes	Carl Bates-Yes	Kim Ewoldsen-Yes
Paul Engwall-Yes	Vicky Trager-Yes	Scott Shumard-Yes	Les Mitchell-Yes	Ed Cannon-Yes
Everett Pannier-Yes				

All approved, unanimously.

ADJOURMENT

There being no other business Chairman Pannier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone Management Organization. Scott Shumard made a motion, second by Carl Bates. The motion carried, meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.