



**MINUTES
WHITESIDE CARROLL COUNTY
ENTERPRISE ZONE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

October 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pannier called to order the regular meeting of the Whiteside Carroll County Enterprise Zone Management Organization at 1:30 p.m. on October 18, 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, Bill Wescott, Glen Kuhlemier, Jim Duffy, Dale Eizenga, Robbin Blackert, Heather Sotelo, Everett Pannier, Ed Cannon, Paul Engwall, Kim Ewoldsen, Vicky Trager, Skip Lee, Scott Shumard, and Larry Russell. Also in attendance were Gary Camarano, Enterprise Zone Administrator, Sandy Prescott, Administrative Assistant and guest Betty Steinert, GSDC.

Absent members were: Carl Bates, Tim Crady, Les Mitchell, Tony McCombie, Kevin Reibel, Bill Robinson, and Steven Swanson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Pannier called for public comment. There was none.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Letters from Mayors and Village Presidents for the reappointment of Paul Engwall; Village of Lyndon, Scott Shumard; City of Sterling, Les Mitchell; Village of Thomson, and Glen Kuhlemier; Whiteside County. Chairman Pannier called for approval of the appointments for a 3 year term to expire at the October 2019 EZMO Meeting. All were unanimous. The appointment for Rock Falls is vacant and Mayor Wescott will have an appointment forthcoming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the distributed minutes dated July 12, 2016. Motion to approve minutes was made by Bill Wescott, second by Jim Duffy. Motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Quarterly Projects Report	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
07/01/16-9/30/16	4	\$11,708,600.00	27	\$25,209.47

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the Project's Recorded report. A motion was made by Ed Cannon with a second by Bud Thompson. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mr. Camarano reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance as of September 30, 2016 was \$275,593.05; at The Farmer's National Bank. Jo Carroll Enterprise Zone maintains funds in the amount of \$19,634.50. The printed report did not reflect the Jo Carroll Enterprise Zone funds separated in the total Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone available funds. With the Jo Carroll amount of \$19,634.50 removed, there leaves a balance of expendable funds in the amount of \$255,958.55 in the Whiteside Carroll Account that is balanced with the Whiteside County treasurer's office. Mr. Camarano noted payments made to GSDC for our consultant; writing our new zone application, Expansion Solutions Magazine for an ad which gives us leads for consultants/site selectors who are looking to locate a business, Zoom Prospector's first installment (of two).

A motion was made by Glen Kuhlemier to approve the Administrator's report for fees collected and fund balance with the Jo Carroll correction, second by Dale Eizenga. Motion carried, unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON NEW ZONE APPLICATION

Betty Steinert, GSDC Special Projects, reported that the new application has yet seen additional changes but is progressing as expected. Needed information from the NIU site is still not available and the LLMA will not be available until it is complete. RETAC information is near completion. She is also waiting on the WIU report. The application criteria changed again, just 2 weeks ago. Out of 17 possible submissions for a Zone there are 9 openings.

ZOOM PROSPECTOR

The first installment to Zoom Prospector was made as reflected in the financials. The second and final payment is due upon completion which is predicted to be between 60-90 days.

LEAD GENERATION

Administrator Camarano had a few copies of Expansion Solutions with the ad that was placed to gain access to the lead generator list. Mr. Camarano attended the Economic Gardening Training at the Edward Lowe Foundation on Oct 11-14, 2016. He will be attending the Solar Conference in Chicago on November 9-10, 2016 and the Midwest Ag Show on November 15, 2016.

OTHER- None

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Mr. Camarano passed out copies of the Whiteside County Economic Development Dashboard, September 2016, an in office publication to update interested individuals on happenings within the county and Enterprise Zone.

2017 MEETING DATES

After discussion and to keep within the current By-Laws, Meetings for 2017 will be set up for the second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Whiteside County Law Enforcement Center, 300 N. Cherry St., Morrison, IL 61270. A postcard with 2017 meeting dates will be sent out to the board.

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 the motion, second by Larry Russell. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.