



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

July 11, 2017

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 July 11, 2017 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 Thomson, Everett Pannier, Robbin Blackert, Jim Duffy, Vicky Trager, Les Mitchell, Kim Ewoldsen, Skip Lee, Dale Eizenga, Bill Wescott, Glen Kuhlemier, Paul Engwall, and Scott Shumard. Also in attendance were Gary Camarano, Enterprise Zone Administrator and Sandy Prescott, Administrative Assistant. Guests in attendance were: George Logan, Jr., Rock Falls, and Dale Sikkema, Fulton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Pannier called for public comment. There was none.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

The City of Rock Falls designated Mr. George A. Logan, Jr., to fill the vacant Rock Falls appointment to the Enterprise Zone Management Organization board. Term will expire at the October 2020 meeting. Glen Kuhlemier made the motion to approve the appointment to the EZMO board with a second by Dale Eizenga. All approved, motion carried and everyone welcomed Mr. Logan to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the distributed minutes dated April 13, 2017. Motion to approve minutes was made by Bud Thompson, second by Jim Duffy. Motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS FY17 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance of Funds FY17; 2nd Quarter

Administrator Camarano reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance as of June 30, 2017 was \$177,422.06; at The Farmer's National Bank. Jo Carroll Enterprise Zone maintains funds in the amount of \$15,647.03 leaving a balance of expendable funds in the amount of \$161,775.03 in the Whiteside Carroll Account that is balanced with the Whiteside County treasurer's office.

Projects Recorded FY17; 2nd Quarter

FY17; 2nd Quarter Projects Report	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
04/01/2017-06/30/2017	7	\$3,994,305	25	\$9,803.29

Administrator Camarano reported that in the 2nd quarter of FY17 there were 7 new projects with \$3,994,305 in investment with 25 Jobs Created and Fees collected in the amount of \$9,803.29.

Administrator Camarano shared the FY17 totals are up in the first six months of 2017 over the whole FY16. The Zone is showing an increase in all areas over last year. FY16 had a total of 13 projects, with \$17,040,243.00 in investment with 38 Jobs being created, due to the project, and fees collected in the amount of \$22,529.90. To date the FY17 has produced 13 projects with \$23,757,482.00 in investment with 232 Jobs created and fees collected in the amount of \$51,271.84.00

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the FY17; 2nd quarter Balance of Funds and Project's Recorded. A motion was made by Bill Wescott; second by Vicky Trager. Motion carried, unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON NEW ZONE APPLICATION

Administrator Camarano received a letter from DECO stating they have completed the first stage of the application review and have determined that our application meets the minimum required qualifications. The application scores, along with supporting documents, will now be forwarded to the Enterprise Zone Board who will make final selections. A decision will be made by September 30, 2017.

UPDATE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

A letter was received from the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons in response to the letter and resolution(s) sent requesting that the Thomson Prison, AUSP Thomson, be fully exempt from the hiring freeze directive. The letter stated that the freeze was not anticipated to impact the activation of AUSP Thomson. Vicky Trager was able to confirm that the suspensions on hiring, in February, has been given the green light and 30 new CO Trainees have been hired. The prison is ready to accept inmates.

NEW BUSINESS

EZMO TERMS SET TO EXPIRE AT OCTOBER 2017 MEETING

Administrator Camarano wanted to let the EZMO Board know ahead of time of the appointments on the EZMO Board that are set to expire at the October 2017 Meeting. The board will need to nominate a new Board Chair and Vice Chair. City of Fulton, City of Morrison, City of Savanna, and Whiteside County will need to appoint/reappoint to the board.

POSSIBLE TRADE MISSIONS TO NORTHWEST ILLINOIS REGION

Administrator Camarano spoke on his meeting with the Chinese Consulate in Chicago. They have highlighted our area for two possible visits. One will be early August with the Dairy and Live Stock tours. The other will be end of September or early October. Glen Kuhlemier shared his experience with other country's business representatives and being more aware of the language barrier. He urged that any business cards being given out should seek to put contact information on the back side in their language so it is readable and therefore kept. Administrator Camarano will check into getting someone who is knowledgeable in the written language who can do this for business cards.

OTHER

Each community who was represented at today's meeting was able to share some of the upcoming events and positive changes happening in their communities.

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 Les Mitchell. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.