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MINUTES
WHITESIDE CARROLL
ENTERPRISE ZONE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

April 10, 2018

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 April 10, 2018 in the LOC Room 117, on the first floor of the Whiteside County Courthouse, 200 East Knox Street, Morrison, Illinois.

EZMO members in attendance were: Ben Adolph, Robbin Blackert, Jim Duffy, Paul Engwall, Kimberly Ewoldsen, Kristine Hill, Glen Kuhlemier, Skip Lee, Les Mitchel, Everett Pannier, Sara Purdom, Scott Shumard, Dale Sikkema, Vicky Trager, and William Wescott. Also in attendance Randy Boonstra, City of Fulton, Gary Camarano, Enterprise Zone Administrator and Sandy Prescott, Administrative Assistant.

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 January 1, 2018. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by William Wescott, second by Vicky Trager. Motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS FY18 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Projects Recorded FY18 (12/1/17-11/30/18)

FY18 Projects Report	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
12/1/2017-3/31/2018	3	\$453,047	5	\$1,391.47

There was an overdue fee from the Slim-N-Hanks project that was in the prior, now closed Zone, in the amount of \$67.26 that was also collected.

To carry over projects, who are still active but need to have certificates issued under the new 2018 Enterprise Zone, four projects were also applied to the new zone with the stats in the DEV NET program remaining in the quarter, year and zone where they first applied. These projects were resubmitted to the IDOR and new BMEC's were issued to the contractors for these projects. They are; Halo, Tetten's Grain, Fulton Commons and Davita.

Balance of Funds FY18 to date.

Administrator Camarano reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance as of March 31, 2018 was \$109,313.55; 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 \$93,666.52 in the Whiteside Carroll Account. Interest for the FY18, thus far was in the amount of \$197.78 and collected fees of \$1,391.47 with disbursements of \$87,495.35. \$87,295.35 was the approved reimbursement to Whiteside County and the other \$200 was \$160 to Rock Falls Chamber Dues and \$40 to the Thomson Chamber dues. Funds are balanced with the Whiteside County treasurer's office.

Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the FY18 to date, Project's Recorded, Fees collected and Balance of Funds reports. A motion was made by Robbin Blackert; second by Skip Lee. Motion carried, unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER

A copy of the By-Laws for the New Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone (2018) was added to each board members packet for their records. These By-Laws were adopted at the January 9, 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

INTERSECT ILLINOIS

Mark Peterson, CEO of INTERSECT Illinois visited the region on March 22, 2018. Administrator Camarano conducted a Familiarization Tour of the region. A “Fly Over” was done from the Whiteside County Airport covering Whiteside and Carroll counties. Mr. Peterson gave a PowerPoint presentation held in the Whiteside County Board Room and met with several area Economic Development partners and businesses. Afterwards, Mr. Peterson stayed to collaborate with our area EDO’s.

SITE CERTIFICATION

Administrator Camarano is working with local Economic Development partners to get available sites pre certified and shovel ready. This will make a huge impact on a business wanting to build and operate their business, on a vacant site with all preliminary certifications completed verses showing bare land.

VIRTUAL SPEC BUILDING

Winter Construction, of Sterling, is working with Administrator Camarano to construct a virtual building with the idea that this building could be up and running in 120 days. This, along with the site certification will be more lucrative to attract business to the area.

IEDC FEDERAL FORUM

Administrator Camarano attended the IEDC Federal Forum that was held in Washington, D.C. on March 25th through the 27th. Entrepreneur and Innovation Grants are an area to explore. There is not much in the way of Federal Economic Development funding at this time. This was an excellent opportunity to make contacts and represent our region.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

A videographer is collaborating with Administrator Camarano to film highlights and sound-bits for a promotional video that will be placed on the Whiteside County website. Any of our partners who would like to have this placed on their web site are encouraged to let Mr. Camarano know and he will get the link to them.

OTHER

COMMUNITY UPDATES

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

ADJOURMENT

There being no other business Chairman Pannier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone Management Organization. Skip Lee made the motion, second by Dale Sikkema. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next EZMO meeting will be July 10, 2018.