



**MINUTES  
WHITESIDE CARROLL  
ENTERPRISE ZONE  
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

**July 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

EZMO Chair, Everett Pannier, called to order the regular meeting of the Whiteside Carroll County Enterprise Zone Management Organization at 1:30 p.m. on July 9, 2019 in the County Board Room of the Whiteside County Law Enforcement Center Building, 400 N. Cherry Street, Morrison, Illinois.

EZMO members in attendance were Ben Adolph, Robbin Blackert, Randy Boonstra, Jim Duffy, Kim Ewoldsen, Glen Kuhlemier, Skip Lee, George Logan, Jr., Jamie McIntire, Everett Pannier, Scott Shumard, Bud Thompson, Mick Welding, and William Wescott. Also in attendance were guests, Ann Friederichs, Illinois SBDC at Western Illinois/Quad Cities, Gary Camarano, Enterprise Zone Administrator and Sandy Prescott, Enterprise Zone Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

EZMO Chair, Everett Pannier, called for public comment. There was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

EZMO Chair, Everett Pannier, called for a motion to approve minutes dated April 9, 2019. A motion to approve minutes was made by Skip Lee, second by Jim Duffy. All approved, motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATORS FY19 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Projects Recorded FY19 (4/1/19 to 6/30/19)**

<b>FY19 Projects Report</b>	<b># of Projects</b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>Jobs Created</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
<b>4/1/2019-6/30/2019</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$20,610,000.00</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>\$40,075.00</b>

There were 4 projects recorded in the 2nd quarter of FY19, with an investment of \$20,610,000.00 and 396 new jobs created or retained due to the project. These projects currently have 586 employees. Project fees were collected in the amount of \$40,075.00.

There were additional deposits made in the amount of \$129.16 that had a “Square” fee of .84¢. These fees were collected from the Community Supported Enterprises workshop that was held on April 23, 2019.

## **BALANCE OF FUNDS TO DATE**

Administrator Camarano reported that the Enterprise Zone fund balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$109,945.40; at The Farmer's National Bank. Interest for the quarter was in the amount of \$76.15. Project fees were collected for the quarter in the amount of \$40,075.00 and additional workshop fees of \$129.16 for a total of \$40,204.16 collected and disbursements in the amount of \$500.00. The JoCarroll Enterprise Zone reimbursed the Whiteside Carroll for management of their zone in the amount of \$1,984.51. With no projects reported for the JoCarroll Enterprise Zone, their new balance, after reimbursement, is \$13,662.52. This leaves the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone with \$96,282.88 in total expendable funds.

The EZMO Chair called for a motion to approve the FY19-2nd quarter project and financial reports. The motion was made by Bud Thompson; second by George Logan, Jr. There was no further discussion. All approved, motion carried.

Administrator Camarano included in each packet a comparison chart with the EZMO board that detailed the new zone progress. Each packet also contained the FRED Unemployment Rate for Whiteside County, a copy of the press release, "Good News for Whiteside County on the Job Growth Front", and two NIU partnership pages, "Made in Northwest Illinois".

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no other old business to discuss, at this time.

## **OTHER**

There was no "Other" business, at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NEW ILLINOIS BLUE COLLAR JOBS ACT, SB689**

Mr. Camarano shared a handout with information on the new SB689 that was passed on 6/2/19 and signed by Governor Pritzker ON 6/5/2019.

## **JO CARROLL**

Since April 7, 2015, when the EZMO board approved going to the county to consent to interest accrued in the Enterprise Zone funds be allocated back to the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone, all interest was kept in the Whiteside Carroll funds with no split for the Jo Carroll funds. Administrator Camarano felt the board should allocate interest to the Jo Carroll portion of their funds from this point forward. A motion was made to apply interest to the Jo Carroll funds from this point forward, by Vicky Trager and with a second by Robbin Blackert. All approved, the motion carried.

## **SBDC GUEST, ANN FRIEDERICHS**

The EZMO board heard information from Ann Friederichs of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Western Illinois University, Quad Cities. Ann's goal is to hold office days, in the Whiteside and Carroll municipalities, to assist with the two county's entrepreneurs and business needs. Ann stated that she only needs office space in each municipality, to be able to meet with businesses who could benefit from the many free services that the SBDC offers. Ann currently has office accommodations in Fulton and is ready to expand to our other municipalities. Any other municipalities with office space or a place for Ann to meet with area clients may contact her to set up details.

## **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 1:53 p.m. Bill Wescott 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 Ben Adolph. Roll call vote as follows: Ben Adolph-yes, Robbin Blackert-yes, Randy Boonstra-yes, Jim Duffy-yes, Kim Ewoldsen-yes, Glen Kuhlemier-yes, Skip Lee-yes, George Logan-yes, Jamie McIntire-yes, Everett Pannier-yes, Scott Shumard-yes, Bud Thompson-yes, Vicky Trager-yes, Mick Welding-yes, Bill Wescott-yes. Administrator Gary Camarano stayed and Sandy Prescott left the meeting at this time.

At 2:25 p.m. the EZMO returned to open session.

## **OTHER**

### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

No community updates were given in this session.

## **ADJOURMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Pannier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone Management Organization. Bill Wescott made the motion to adjourn, second by George Logan. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.