



MINUTES
WHITESIDE CARROLL
ENTERPRISE ZONE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

October 13, 2020

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 October 13, 2020 via teleconference. The number (617) 691-8409 was based in room 108 at the Whiteside County Courthouse, with Administrator Camarano present.

A verbal roll call was taken of each person in attendance. EZMO members in attendance, via teleconference call, were Carl Bates, Robbin Blackert, Jim Duffy, Kim Ewoldsen, Kristine Hill, Skip Lee, Everett Pannier, Scott Shumard, Bud Thompson, Vicky Trager, Mick Welding, and William Wescott. Also in attendance were guests, Lindy Greenwood, Chris King, Bo Mays, Gary Camarano, Enterprise Zone Administrator and Sandy Prescott, Enterprise Zone Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EZMO Chair, Everett Pannier, called for public comment. No requests had been submitted prior to the meeting and hearing of none, the Chair ruled that there was no public comment.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

A temporary chair was needed to preside at this point in the meeting so that the nominations could be open to the EZMO board for a Chair. Robbin Blackert made a motion to nominate Bill Wescott to be temporary chair. The nomination received a second from Bud Thompson. There was a “collective yea” from the EZMO board and the motion carried.

Temp Chair Wescott called for nominations for a board chair. Jim Duffy nominated Everett Pannier. Bud Thompson voiced his approval. There were no other nominations. Discussion ensued as Everett’s term of Morrison Mayor is complete in April of 2021. He has already informed the City of Morrison that he will not be seeking re-election. He did however, say he would be willing to serve, until his term is final, at the end of April 2021, if that is what the EZMO board would like. A motion was made by Vicky Trager that the EZMO board appoint Everett Pannier to the position of board chair, to expire at the end of April 2021, until his end of term. Mick Welding gave a second. A verbal vote was taken with only Everett abstaining. Motion carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Everett Pannier, chair, to call for nominations for vice-chair. Skip Lee nominated Jim Duffy as vice-chair. There were no other nominations. Skip Lee made a motion to appoint Jim Duffy as vice-chair to the EZMO board. There was a second by Kim Ewoldsen. A verbal vote was taken. There were none opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments and reappointments were as follows:

City of Fulton- **Remains Vacant** (Term: October 2020-October 2023).

Village of Lyndon- **Lindy Greenwood** to fulfil the unexpired term of Paul Engwall.

Term to expire October 2022.

City of Morrison- **Mick Welding**. Term: October 2020-October 2023.

City of Mt. Carroll – **Doug Sherf**. Term: October 2020-2023

City of Rock Falls – **Chris King**. Term: October 2020- October 2023

City of Savanna- **Remains Vacant** (Term: October 2020-October 2023)

Whiteside County- **Bo Mays** to fulfil the unexpired term of Glen Kuhlemier. Term to expire October 2022.

Whiteside County – **Kimberly Ewoldsen**. Term: October 2020-October 2023

The chair called for a motion. Bud Thompson made the motion to approve to approve the appointment/reappointments as presented with a second from Robbin Blackert. Lindy Greenwood, abstained. All others gave a collective Yea. Motion carried. Chair Pannier welcomed the new members and thanked those who reappointed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

EZMO Chair, Everett Pannier, called for a motion to approve the previous minutes dated July 14, 2020. A motion to approve minutes was made Skip Lee, second by Mick Welding. A vote by roll call was taken as follows: Lindy Greenwood and Chris King both abstained as new members. Bo Mays let us know he was able to read the previous minutes and would be voting to approve the minutes. There was a collective Yea and no Nays. All approved, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATORS FY20 PROJECT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Projects Recorded FY20 (7/1/20 to 9/30/20)

FY20 Projects Report	# of Projects	Investment	Jobs Created	Fees Collected
7/1/20 to 09/30/2020	5	\$2,570,129	21	\$7,535.35

There were 5 projects recorded in FY20 (7/1/20-09/30/20) with a total investment of \$2,570,129. The 5 projects estimated 21 new jobs would be created with 50 current employees.

FY20 (7/1/20-09/30/20) Project fees were collected in the amount of \$7,535.35

Balance of Funds (Check Book Ledger)

December 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 the EZone had total receipts for project fees of \$68,647.79

There was interest in the amount of \$81.01 of which \$11.82 was disbursed to the Jo Carroll EZone. Whiteside Carroll EZone FY 20 to 9/30/20 interest is in the amount of \$222.02. There were disbursements in the amount of \$89,700.05 leaving a total balance in the account at \$104,667.95

The balance for the Jo Carroll EZMO is \$13,739.25. This brings the total Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone expendable funds to the amount of \$90,928.70 This report balances with the Whiteside County Treasurer.

With no questions on the administrator's projects and financial reports, Chairman Pannier called for a motion to approve the Administrators Project and Financial Reports, as presented. Skip Lee made the motion to approve the Administrators Project and Financial Reports as presented with a second by Bud Thompson. A vote by roll

call was taken as follows: Yea: Carl Bates, Robbin Blackert, Jim Duffy, Kimberly Ewoldsen, Lindy Greenwood, Chris King, Skip Lee, Bo Mays, Everett Pannier, Scott Shumard, Bud Thompson, Vicky Trager, Mick Welding, and William Wescott. Nay: None. All approved, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

OTHER

It was a pleasure to share that board member, Bud Thompson, was featured on thecity1.com and in the Prophetstown online newspaper, aroundptown.com. Bud shared his latest artwork and gave his views on current happenings that inspired his latest painting.

Mayor Wescott shared coverage they enjoyed on the new solar farm, which has 300 panels situated on a six-acre parcel of city owned, unused land. It is not currently serving residents but has the potential to service up to 180 homes. This could help to keep electricity costs down for residents in Rock Falls.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Camarano shared the potential projects in the "pipeline". They should contribute to a very successful year for the Enterprise Zone. Administrator Camarano is cautiously optimistic and looks forward to all the projects we have in the pipeline and those coming on board this year.

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 Robbin Blackert. The motion carried with a "collective" yes, and the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.