

RREC Advisory Board Meeting

Note: Meeting was held at the Rolla City Council Chambers, Rolla, MO
July 18, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Attending voting members: Wayne Parry, Jeff Davis, Stevie Kearse, Ed Clayton, Mike Woessner, Robert Teresso, Candace Connell, Dusty Cruise, Gary Hicks (proxy) and Shad Becker,

Absent voting Members: Keith Strassner and Ben Tipton

Guests: Walt Branson, MST, Ray Schwartz, Maries Co Commissioner, Barry White, Doyle Edwards, Bill Jenks, Preston Kramer, MODOT, Tony Floyd, Intercounty Electric, John Butz, Rolla City Administrator, Lonna Sowers, Dale Martin, and Cheri Tune.

Call to order: President Wayne Parry called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

President Parry asked the board members to review the June minutes which had been sent electronically prior to this meeting. A **motion was made by Mike Woessner, and seconded by Shad Becker to approve the minutes as presented.** A voice vote on the motion showed ten ayes, zero nays. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Cantex update: A company is interested in purchasing this property but they do not want to purchase from Cantex. Director Lorey traveled to Fort Worth, Texas in June to meet with the CEO at the headquarters to discuss their future plans for the plant and to see if they were interested in selling this property to RCDC. This topic would be discussed at their July board meeting. Director Lorey made a phone contact on July 15 to discuss the outcome of her inquiry. And the Cantex has not made a decision on selling the property and they are in discussion on the possibility of reopening the Rolla plant. The prospect interested in purchasing this property will need a final decision within the next few weeks or they will build their plant in Texas.

The Cantex property has been vandalized and needs to be better secured.

New Business:

- Endorsement of Amendment 7. Director Lorey has composed a letter which was reviewed and recommended by the Executive Committee to send to the Rolla Daily News, Letter to the Editor section. (See letter) The information covers the economic impact that Amendment 7 would bring to the Rolla area. **A motion was made by Mike Woessner and seconded by Robert Teresso to submit this letter for distribution.** A voice vote on the motion showed ten ayes, zero nays. **Motion carried.**
- Mid Year Project Activity Report: Director Lorey reviewed the prospect and project report. (see handout) The BCI property had a site visit from a company that cleans railroad cars. The company was extremely interested since rail was available. The company decided not to purchase the property since it would take too much time to get the business open and operating.

In future planning it would be helpful if the rail improvements were made so that a business could begin operations in a short time frame.

- New RREC logo and website. Director Lorey has been working with Marketing Alliance to upgrade our website and the RREC logo. She met with John Butz, City Administrator and Stevie Kearse, Chamber Director to discuss a compatible look for our websites and logos. (see packet that includes logo's and tag lines) Director Lorey is suggesting that RREC's logo be similar to the Chamber's logo. The City's logo is around 25 years old and if they decide to update they might consider a similar look. Discussion presented that she might get input from the University and the Hospital.

Regarding the website costs, the upgrades to the RREC site would be around \$11,000. The funds are available in this year's budget.

Presentation: Manufacturing Act-Implications for the Rolla Area.

Speaker, Doyle Edwards, Dir of Gov. Relations; Brewer Science

President Perry asked for any further business. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Ben Tipton, Secretary/Treasurer

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