

RREC Advisory Board Meeting

Note: Meeting was held at the Rolla City Council Chambers, Rolla, MO
September 19, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Attending voting members: Robert Teresso by phone, Jeff Davis, Stevie Kearse, Ed Clayton, Mike Woessner, Keith Strassner, Ben Tipton, Gary Hicks (proxy) and Shad Becker,

Absent voting Members: Dusty Cruise, Wayne Parry and Candace Connell,

Guests: Tony Floyd and Jim White with Intercounty Electric, John Petersen, City of Rolla, Lonna Sowers, Floyd Ferrell and Bonnie Prigge.

Call to order: Secretary Treasurer, Ben Tipton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Ben asked the board members to review the July minutes which had been sent electronically prior to this meeting. **A motion was made by Stevie Kearse and seconded by Jeff Davis to approve the minutes as presented. The Motion carried.**

Director Lorey noted she would be returning to her full time duties in her office on Monday, September 22.

New Business:

- Director's Report: Director Lorey updated the board on the status on the EDA grant for the Rolla National Airport to be used for marketing. She has learned the City did not receive the grant.
- Company interested in the Cantex property: Director Lorey updated the group on the company interested in purchasing the Cantex property. Since Cantex is not willing to sell the property the prospect was shown the BCI property which is served by rail. The cons regarding this property are the lack of water and sewer services available to this site. Water for the site is supplied by a deep well and sewer services are not available. Director Lorey has not heard from the prospect recently which means they may have looked at a site that is ready for development.

BCI is the only property near Hypoint that is served by rail and rail is an asset many companies. This will be a topic for discussion at the next RREC executive committee meeting to see if RMU might be willing to provide services to this site.

- Boeing office at MST: Keith Strassner reported on the recent addition of the Boeing office to the MST campus. The Boeing office is their first office on a university campus. MST helped the company with legal issues so the research could start immediately. He noted that Boeing is one of the largest employers of MST graduates.

Presentation: Tech 44 update. Speaker, Lonna Sowers, Executive Director.

- **Tech 44 Fall Event is scheduled for November 13th on the Cortex campus, 4:30 – 8:00 pm.**

Questions and Answers:

John Petersen updated the group on Wal-Mart's wish to develop a Neighborhood Market. They have resubmitted a zoning request for C-2, general retail for the property at 18th and Forum Drive. Country Mart is also still interested in remodeling the Forum Shopping center.

County Commissioner Gary Hicks reported the County is looking into updating their current website in next year's budget.

With no further business Ben asked for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Jeff Davis and seconded by Shad Becker to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:00 am.

Ben Tipton, Secretary/Treasurer

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