

RREC Advisory Board Meeting

Note: Meeting was held at the Rolla City Council Chambers, Rolla MO.

February 20th, 2015– 8:00 AM

Attending voting members: Jeff Davis, Mike Woessner, Dusty Cruise, Stevie Kearse, Ed Clayton Keith Strassner, Ben Tipton, Shad Becker, Gary Hicks (proxy), Lou Magdits, and Wayne Parry.

Absent voting members: Candace Connell and Robert Tessaro

Guests: Elizabeth Smith, Cheri Tune, Bill Jenks, John Butz, Vicki Cason, Dennis Wilson Preston Kramer, Lonna Sowers, Dale Martin, and Jill Fahrenholtz.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Parry at 8:00 a. m. Wayne asked the board members to review the December and January minutes which had been sent electronically prior to this meeting. **A motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Ben Tipton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.**

New Business:

- *Invite to attend Mo. Chamber of Commerce conference.*

Director Lorey updated the members on a meeting she attended with the Missouri Chamber. The Chamber contracted with Gallup to survey the business community to plan for Missouri's economic future. (See the Handout) The Chamber will unveil their action plan on February 25th at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City. She asked for a representation from RREC and other business leaders in our community to attend this event. Director Lorey is working with this group to bring Dan Mehan, the CEO of the organization or a representative to present at a future RREC Advisory Meeting.

- *Attending the RILA conference.*

Director Lorey will be attending the RILA conference with Missouri Partnership in Florida on Feb.22 to 25th. The conference focuses on logistics and marketing to retail businesses.

Old Business:

- *Update on Project Fish.*

RCDC has received a letter of intent to purchase 15-20 acres in Hypoint West. The company which is still anonymous is considering acres outside the Certified Site acreage near the back of the property as far away from residential development as possible. The development company will be at the industrial park in the near future to view the property for an appropriate site. This company should bring 35-40 new jobs to the area with above average wages.

○ *RREC/RREC 2nd Annual Meeting.*

The 2nd annual joint boards met recently to promote and to keep open communication between the two entities. Wayne encouraged everyone to drive out the Hypoint West to view the infrastructure progress.

Mayor Madgits and board members from the two groups made a trip to West Plains to visit an Entrepreneur Incubator Center. It was noted that when considering a similar facility the Rolla community needs to incorporate resources in addition to MS&, as the mission of the center would be to serve the entire community, not just university based entrepreneurs. The West Plains center is funded by public and private money and mentors from the local business community are available to assist new business startups. More trips are planned for the future to visits other entrepreneurial centers.

Director Lorey updated the board on recent RREC's budget changes. She has been assisting RCDC in their property management operations. RCDC has engaged Investment Realty to manage the parks physical assets consequently reducing funding to RREC by \$6,000 per year, as of April 2015. She also noted that if the park tax does not pass in April, the City will also need to adjust their support to RREC.

Presentation: Missouri's Economic Development Marketing Organization.

Subash Alias, Acting Director of Missouri Partnership.

Announcements:

- A committee has been formed to promote the Rolla Public School bond issue. If anyone wishes to contribute, contact Molly Malone, the committee treasurer or Faith Barnes.
- Listening session at Ft. Leonard Wood to be held March 2. A bus will be leaving at 4:15 from the Rolla Chamber parking lot. To make reservations, call the Chamber office and bus transportation will be furnished by US Tours.
- The City has contracted with HNTB to conduct a transportation study for transportation options and alternatives. The study should take 6-8 months to complete.
- Phelps County government has secured some funding for a North Outer Road to connect Hwy V with Hwy 63 to improve traffic from the industrial park.

Adjourned at 9:10 AM

Ben Tipton, Secretary/Treasurer

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