



RREC April 2018 Board Meeting

Note: Rolla City Council Chamber

April 20, 2018

Attending voting members: Ed Clayton, Louis Magdits, Ben Tipton, Robert Tessaro, Wayne Parry, and Harold Selby.

Absent voting members: Bill Jenks, Stevie Kearse, Elizabeth Smith, Tony Floyd, Jeff Meadows, Mike Woessner and Randy Verkamp.

Guests: Ann Murphy, Matt Crowell, Tiffany Henry, Wendy Young, Doyle Edwards, Lonna Sowers, Shane Anselm, St. James Mayor Jim White, Justin Klocke, Hanna Cleeton, Preston Kramer and John Butz.

Call to Order:

President Ben Tipton called the Advisory Meeting to order and welcomed Rolla City Council members, Ann Murphy, Matt Crowell, John Muesch and Tiffany Henry. He also recognized Justin Kloche from Senator McCaskil's office and Hannah Cleeton from Senator Blount's office.

Board Meeting:

- Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Wayne Parry and seconded by Harold Selby to approve the minutes of the February 16th meeting as presented but since a quorum of members were not present, the minutes will need to be voted on at the next advisory meeting.

New Business:

- Director Lorey introduced Doyle Edwards with Brewer Science for a special presentation on their desire to become a Benefit Corporations. Benefit Corporations have a positive impact on their community, worker, environment and their long term goals. Each state must legislate Benefit Corporations and Missouri does not have this distinction. 33 other states have this type of accreditation for companies. A bill has been presented in Jefferson City to create the opportunity for companies to become a Benefit Corporations and the bill has passed both the Senate and House committees. It is a standalone bill which may not be a good thing since amendments may be tacked on to the bill. Director Lorey testified before the House committee in favor of this certification. In terms of work force Millennials are drawn to companies with this type of distinction. Doyle will keep Director Lorey updated as the legislation moves forward.

- Brewer Science is looking to expand at the Vichy location but the fire rating risk is causing a problem for the company's insurance rates. The fire risk for Brewer Science in the Vichy location is a 9. Rolla Fire Chief Ron Smith and other community leaders have been working to decrease the fire risk and it has been lowered to a 6 or 7 and the goal for the area is to be between 4 or 5. Hopefully the lower rating will keep the Brewer Science expansion from relocating to another area.
- ITRA Global Marketing Event with Mo Partnership: Director Lorey will be attending this marketing event in St. Louis this weekend. Site Consultants from the US and other countries will be attending this event. Economic Development directors and Mo. Partnership staff will be showcasing our state for economic development. Last year's event was hosted in Paris.

Old Business:

- Report on the Neal Group Construction presentation.
Director Lorey and other local community leaders meet recently with this group who specialize in downtown building restoration. Topics of discussion pertained to Federal and State tax credits, Historical tax credits and Brown Field sites. St. James is looking at a Historical tax district for owners looking for help in restoring old buildings.
- Mo. Rural Transportation Alliance:
Director Lorey has been helping to communicate to others in our state regarding Missouri's urgent transportation needs.

Presentation: Economic Growth Comes in Many Forms.

Oak Point Assisted living and Memory Care, Speakers Renee Ridling and Chris Page.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Jeff Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer

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