



RREC May 2018 Board Meeting

Note: Rolla City Council Chamber

May 18, 2018

Attending voting members: Ben Tipton, Jeff Meadows, Wayne Parry, Tony Floyd, Mike Woessner and Randy Verkamp.

Absent voting members: Ed Clayton, Louis Magdits, Harold Selby, Robert Tessaro, Bill Jenks, Stevie Kearse and Elizabeth Smith.

Guests: Matt Crowell, Tiffany Henry, Doyle Edwards, Jill Fahrenholtz, Matt Crowell, Nathalie Roark, Vicki Cason, Kent Thomas, Shane Anselm, Lynn Wehmeier, Justin Klocke for Senator McCaskill's office, and John Butz.

Call to Order:

President Ben Tipton called the Advisory Meeting to order...

Board Meeting:

- Approval of Minutes Ben noticed that a quorum of members was not present and the May minutes will need to be voted on at the next advisory meeting.
- Approval of the Financials. Ben reviewed the year ending December 31st, 2017 financial reports as presented in the Board member packet. Since we do not have a quorum these reports will need to be approved at the June Advisory Meeting. He noted the \$22,284.16 accounts payable total will show on the first quarter 2018 reports. On page 2 the \$7000 account out of balance total is misleading due to the account payable total. Revenue over expenses was \$15,309.66. Director Lorey noted RREC wrote off \$4000 in bed debts from non-payment of dues.

Ben welcomed Rolla City Council members, Matt Crowell, Tiffany Henry and Justin Kloche from Senator McCaskill's office and Shane Anselm, St. James City Council member.

Old Business: Director Lorey asked to start with Old Business for a project update. Project Sun the Salt Lake City Company that was visited last fall has sent a letter of intent with the State of Missouri for incentives if they should move their operations to Missouri.

Project Trigger a research company was a lead from Mo. Partnership. She was notified that our community has made the short list. She has been negotiating with RCDC regarding the company's need of a 20,000 square feet building. The company will employ 10-12 high paying jobs and future planning could raise the employee number.

Director Lorey met with the Cantex Corporation recently in Fort Worth, TX while attending a convention and they are keeping their options open to possibly reopen the plant.

New Business:

- **Board discussion of local workforce:**

Director Lorey wanted discussion about the shortage of eligible worker. See the attached handout titled "State partners launch initiative to reset the workforce development strategy". Is there something RREC and the community business leaders need to do to address this problem? At this time the attending Board members did not see any additional actions necessary by RREC regarding the workforce issues.

Discussion presented:

-Career skills program based at Ft. Leonard Wood. Job service now has an employee covering this office.

-On a positive note, Phelps County did not decrease in the population. RTI and the town of Salem will be talking to employers about the skills needed for students and possible intern training.

-RREC is playing a role in job growth and retention. It took 10 years to get retail and housing is now an issue since most housing was centered on the University campus. Housing is now needed away from Campus.

-Brewer Science is working on a video project that will promote our community assets.

Presentation: *Mo Department of Transportation Update*

Natalie Roark, Assistant District Engineer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Jeff Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer

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