

MACOMB/BUSHNELL ENTERPRISE ZONE

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY • JULY 16, 2020 • 4PM 1406 EAST CARROLL STREET, MACOMB, ILLINOIS AND VIA ZOOM WEB CONFERENCE

The global COVID-19 pandemic continues...and since June 26, 2020 continue to operate under the Governor's RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN (Phase 4: Revitalization). This phase allows for expanded gathering sizes, increasing from 10 to 50 people (of fewer). Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic the EZ Management Board approved not holding a 2/Q meeting. The meetings below are from the 3Q-July 2020 management board meeting. The board was offered to attend today's board meeting via web conferencing or in-person. Common public health standards were in place; including, the use of face coverings/masks and social distancing (6' apart from each other).

Chairman Dennis Moon convened the meeting at 4PM with the following board members present: Bill Butcher, Scott Schwerer, Todd Hamilton, Mike Inman and staff: Kim Pierce and Caitlin Brown.

Absent Board Members: Jeff Rench and Bushnell Mayor Robin Wilt.

There was no public comment.

The affirmation of board member terms (2020-2022) was first on the agenda. County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer reaffirmed his term on the EZ board and reported that the County Board also approved Todd Hamilton's reappointment to serve. Pierce received a letter from Schwerer solidifying the appointment.

Approval of the January 16, 2020 (1Q) board meeting minutes was next on the agenda. The minutes were reviewed for comment and/or revisions. There was one revision requested: Schwerer asked that "newly elected" be edited to say "newly appointed" (paragraph one, line four). Pierce acknowledged the change and will edit the minutes as requested.

BILL BUTCHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES PRESENTED WITH THE REQUESTED EDIT. TODD HAMILTON SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next on the agenda was the treasury report. Pierce referred the board to the expense summary sheet in their meeting packet. It included 1Q and 2Q expenses since the second quarter board meeting was cancelled permanently due to COVID. She reported that the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO), on behalf of the Enterprise Zone, paid a total of \$550.41 in telephone expenses. Also included was the estimated property tax allocation from the County Clerk's office. To date, they have received the first tax distribution of \$22,001.66; four more installments remain. Also reported was the June 26, 2020 ending Quick Books balance of \$135,561.27—which ties to the corresponding bank statement. Pierce noted the bank balance included 3 months of earned interest and several project application fees (which went into effect July 01, 2019).

MIKE INMAN TO APPROVED THE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT AS PRESENTED. SCOTT SCHWERER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BILL BUTCHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. MIKE INMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The governing unit updates were next on the agenda. **BUSHNELL:** Pierce reported that Schuld/Bushnell is in the throes of constructing a building on their property on Davis Street. She said most of the materials have been purchased and are on site, but they are holding off on beginning the actual construction since they recently laid-off several employees. She mentioned the potential of another project (associated with Pioneer RailCorp), but it is also currently on hold. **MACOMB:** Macomb continues to have projects and the majority of them have been completed. **MCDONOUGH COUNTY:** Schwerer reported that Cardinal Point Wind has been working on the roads in the northern part of the County as agreed upon in their Road Use Agreement. Pierce reported that she has been meeting with RWE Renewables regarding their plans to construction a wind farm in the southeast quadrant of McDonough County. She said RWE has developed, owns, and operates three (3) other wind farms in Illinois. RWE is currently working with landowners in and around the area they have targeted for the farm. Construction is slated for 2024.

Under old/new business, Pierce reminded the board that the previous 2nd quarterly meeting was cancelled by electronic vote of the board due to COVID-19. The next board meeting will be October 15, 2020.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pierce, Zone Administrator