

MACOMB/BUSHNELL ENTERPRISE ZONE

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 19, 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: Scott Schwerer, Todd Hamilton, Jeff Rench, Mayor Robin Wilt (via zoom), and staff: Kim Pierce and Caitlin Brown.

Absent Board Members: Bill Butcher and Mayor Mike Inman.

Media present: Patrick Stout (McDonough County Voice)

There was no public comment.

Approval of the July 16, 2020 (3Q) board meeting minutes was first on the agenda. The minutes were reviewed for comment and/or revisions. There were none.

SCOTT SCHWERER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES PRESENTED. ROBIN WILT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next on the agenda was the treasury report. Kim Pierce (Enterprise Zone Administrator) referred the board members to the expense summary sheet in their meeting packet. She reported that the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO), on behalf of the Enterprise Zone, paid a total of \$279.55 in telephone expenses for the months of July, August, and September (3Q).

ROBIN WILT MOVED TO APPROVED THE 3rd QUARTER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AS PRESENTED. SCOTT SCHWERER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pierce also briefly addressed revenue. She referred the board to the September EZ bank statement and the corresponding QB Ledger---both documents reflected a September 30, 2020 ending balance of \$177,689.36. It was noted that the revenue received (for 3/Q) included interest earned as well as three (3) tax distribution checks. Pierce also recapped the 2019/2020 received tax distributions chart (included in the meeting packet). She said they had received the fifth and final 2020 distribution check from the County in the amount of \$4,838.65 on November 17—making the total distributions received \$47,496.39.

ROBIN WILT MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. TODD HAMILTON SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Governing unit updates were next on the agenda. **BUSHNELL:** Mayor Wilt reported that Schuld/Bushnell had started construction on their new building. **MACOMB:** Pierce reported that RNS Electric had filed an application on behalf of NTN for a small electrical project. **MCDONOUGH COUNTY:** Schwerer reported that the proposed windfarm (located southeast in the county) is close to having obtained the amount of acreage they need to proceed. Their goal is 10K acres under contract by the end of December (2020).

Under old/new business, Chairman Moon reminded everyone the next board meeting is scheduled for 4PM, January 21, 2021—Pierce reminded everyone that dates are subject to change; especially, now with so many unknowns because of global pandemic.

Finally, Pierce announced that Bill Butcher tendered his official resignation on the board. His board term expires in January 2021 and he acknowledged he wouldn't be available for reappointment (splitting his time between Illinois and Arizona). Butcher was a City of Macomb appointment, so Mayor Inman will need to find another individual willing to serve on the board.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pierce, Zone Administrator