

# **MACOMB/BUSHNELL ENTERPRISE ZONE**

## **MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY • APRIL 15, 2021 • 4PM 1406 EAST CARROLL STREET, MACOMB, ILLINOIS IN-PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

*The global COVID-19 pandemic continues...and since June 26, 2020 Illinois continues 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). The minutes below are from the 1Q-January 2021 management board meeting. The board was offered to attend today's meeting (2Q-April 15, 2021) 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 physically present: Scott Schwerer, Mayor Mike Inman (Macomb), and Todd Hamilton. Staff present: Kim Pierce and Caitlin Brown.

Those attending via web conferencing (zoom): Mayor Robin Wilt (Bushnell).

Absent: Jeff Rench

Media present: Patrick Stout (*McDonough County Voice*)

There was no public comment.

Affirmation of board members (2021-2023) was first on the agenda. Pierce reported that she and Mayor Inman are still discussing potential candidates to represent Macomb on the board and anticipate identifying that individual very soon. Additionally, Mayor Wilt was elected to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term and will continue to represent the City of Bushnell on the board. Schwerer asked that the footnote on the EZ Management Board summary sheet be corrected to show that "Scott Schwerer was elected and not appointed." Pierce will make correction.

Approval of the 1Q/January 21, 2021 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. TODD HAMILTON SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next on the agenda was the treasury report. Pierce referred the board members to the expense summary sheet in their meeting packet. She reported that (on the behalf of the EZ program) the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO) paid \$484.52 which reflects the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter share of telephone expenses and the 2020 IEZA membership dues (the IEZA fell behind in billing during the global pandemic). She asked for a reimbursement to MAEDCO in the amount presented.

**TODD HAMILTON MOVED TO APPROVED THE 1ST QUARTER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AS PRESENTED. ROBIN WILT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

She referred the board to the March 2021 ending bank statement and the corresponding QuickBooks report, both showing an ending balance of \$175,699.51. Pierce commented that revenue in addition to monthly interest they collected and deposited one project fee (\$1556.67 for work at WGM).

**ROBIN WILT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MIKE INMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Governing unit updates were next on the agenda. **BUSHNELL:** Mayor Wilt reported that projects were happening in town, but none of them are location within the zone. **MACOMB:** No report.

**McDONOUGH COUNTY:** Schwerer reported that the proposed wind farm (southeast in the county) continues to proceed forward, although they are not utilizing the enterprise zone benefits. They also made a significant donation to the McDonough County Humane Society. Pierce also reported that Western Grain Marketing was in the process of constructing a new grain bin at their unit train shuttle facility. They are waiting for one last subcontractor to submit their EZ application.

Under old/new business, Chairman Moon reminded everyone the next board meeting is scheduled for 4PM, July 15, 2021.

There was no executive session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Pierce, Zone Administrator