

MACOMB/BUSHNELL ENTERPRISE ZONE

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 9AM • THURSDAY • JULY 20, 2023 1406 EAST CARROLL STREET, MACOMB, ILLINOIS

In the absence of chairman Moon, Scott Schwerer convened the meeting at 9AM with the following board members present: Mike Inman, Chuck Laird, Jeff Rench, Robin Wilt and EZ Administrator, Kim Pierce.

Media present: Patrick Stout (*Community News Brief*)

First on the agenda was the approval of the April 20, 2023 board meeting minutes. The minutes were reviewed for comment and/or revisions. There were none.

ROBIN WILT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES PRESENTED. CHUCK LAIRD SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next, was the treasury report. Pierce referred the board to the bank statement ending June 28, 2023 saying the ending balance \$188,184.73 'foots' with the corresponding reconciliation summary and ledger. Pierce said the only income received in 2Q/2023 was interest. She also reported that MAEDCO needed to be reimbursed \$527.88 on behalf of the EZ and referred the board to the corresponding invoice in their meeting packet—she noted the expenses included telephone charges and the registration fee for the IEZA 2023 Spring Conference. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

MIKE INMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2Q/2023 TREASURY REPORT AS PRESENTED AND TO REIMBURSE MAEDCO \$527.88 FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED ON BEHALF OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. CHUCK LAIRD SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Governing unit updates were next on the agenda. **BUSHNELL:** Family Dollar/Dollar Tree opened two weeks ago (week of July 3rd). Rosemary & Rust (downtown) just opened this week. Bushnell is gearing up for their Fall Festival. **MACOMB:** Several projects have been discussed, but none of made EZ application (yet). Pierce mentioned that Cory Clem's new office (north side of the square) is currently undergoing demolition/renovation and that she has been encouraging him to apply for EZ benefits. Inman stated that 20 West Side square building was purchased but is still months out on reconstruction. **McDONOUGH COUNTY:** Schwerer stated that he was not aware of any projects related to EZ.

Under old/new business was a brief update on the TIF/EZ Amending Ordinance application. Pierce said the application was certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on July 10, 2023. She referred the board members their meeting packet---a copy of the certification letter was included.

Schwerer asked for any other business. There was none. However, Schwerer did comment that he was unable to access the agenda on MAEDCO's website and believed the EZ was not in compliance w/the state regulations. Pierce said the documents have not been uploaded to the website, but that she was working on it. She also said that while the agenda was not online—the agenda was publicly posted and that the media receives a copy of the agenda 48hrs prior to the meeting date. Schwerer also asked if he could get a list of the uses on how the EZ funds can be expended. Pierce asked if he had anything specific in mind for the funds and he stated he was just curious about any restrictions.

Schwerer announced the next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023 and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MIKE INMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:15 AM. CHUCK LAIRD SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pierce, Zone Administrator