

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2017, 6:00pm  
MORGAN COUNTY R-II HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Meeting was called to order by Brice Lake.

Attending were: Steve Henderson, Rebekah Wright, Joyce Ryerson, Jamie Morrow, Becky Lehman, Luke Campbell, Dustin Lehman, W.R. Washburn, Doc Jones, Mignon Dureka

Minutes of 3/14/17 meeting reviewed. Spellings of names on Luke Campbell & Cory Ten Bensel corrected. Steve Henderson questioned MCDC officers list. As of 2013, 3 people were still listed on MCDC to State Auditor's office. Needs reinstatement with Mo. Secretary of State's office. Brice met with Andrew Hardwick regarding MCDC records & notes. Cory paying the property taxes on parcel near airport.

**MCDC update:** in talking with Andrew Hardwick, officers still alive on MCDC are: Vicki Brown-President, Mike Kenege-Secretary, and Cory Ten Belsel- Treasurer. Mike was not listed with Secretary of State as officer.

**Exploratory Group Update:** Brice, Joyce, and Mike met with Eldon's EDC Matt Davis. Grant work through Council of Local Governments tie grants & push them forward. Infrastructure: trail, city signage, bike paths, certified sites. Flyer made up. City has bought up old lots, demolished them, reaching out to Eldon alumni to move back. Matt shared an alumni magazine. Partnering with Johnson Controls and Adiant to hire people who need career skills with internships and training. Go CAPS of Springfield (19 schools) developing a program to retain & train. Our area should consider resorts, marinas, hospitality with training needs. Soft skills for interviewing: be on time, dress appropriately, work skills, assessment. Camdenton introduced in Middle School. Gates has 18 year old requirement, liability issues. Can attract 2<sup>nd</sup> semester seniors at MCR-II.

**Advertising & Promotions Update:** working on website. City Council is updating their website at the cost of \$10,000,.

**Properties Portfolio:** WR presented parcel information and topography of location near 52 and airport. Utilities needed: road, sewer, gas, power, water, lift station, access. Brice attended City Council meeting asking for City's long range plan, provided a letter of request, and has not heard back.

Recommended Linda Conner of Council of Local Governments be invited to next EDC meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to tell us what is happening regionally with Versailles. It is easier to work with James Bryant, Morgan County Commissioner. Dollar Tree will generate business for the Katy Trail. Eldon is working with the Mo. Landscape Architects Assn. as they are required to do a % of pro-bono work. Joyce received a text from Mayor Silvey to serve on the Versailles Rock Island Committee meeting. Waiting on the date of the meeting. Grants for water fountains at the park expire in a couple of years.

Eldon has a rendering of City Park and Train Depot that will cost \$300,000, working on grants to achieve this. Versailles needs to capture the "mom & pop" operations, pursue the Katy Trail and develop it.

Versailles is almost getting big enough to employ a City Planner/City Manager/City Administrator. Tri-County Glass is moving to 2 lots between the old bowling alley & Brown. Easement- is there a road? TIFS need to be more aggressive – not just on the 75-100 employee business possibilities, but the 10-15 employee businesses.

**Establish Goals:** Invite Linda Conner, establish long term goals for City and County, MCDC goal, be watch dog to hold City and County accountable. Get on City Council's agenda every month, ask where they are on these goals. Infrastructure- what are the needs besides adding sidewalks to the Square. Luke Campbell has an upcoming meeting with Mayor Silvey He will ask about long range plans for City.

ETSY Grant of up to \$60,000 due 5-25-17. Plan by Versailles Betterment Committee – Mike Kilkenny working with Ann Black and VBC . Won't have their 501 CE paperwork back, wants to utilize Chamber's 501 C3.

Next meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Morgan County R-II High School Library.

LORDC meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, Noon, at Golden Corral in Osage Beach.