**Economic Development Meeting**

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Board Members Present

* Brice Lake
* Rebekah Wright
* Jamie Morrow
* Doc Jones
* Luke Campbell
* Joyce Ryerson
* Becky Lehman
* Joe Pieber
* Mike Jackson

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Brice Lake.

Council of Local Governments Local Strategies

* Brice received the list to see what we can work on for the economic strategies on the list
* We want to pick out at least one item to work on – Linda Connor can probably suggest some items that are key for us

LOREDC

* Brice passed around the demographic study we received at the annual meeting
* Joe will be going to the next meeting on Thursday to represent the Chamber

Incubator

* John Perkins came up and spoke with us about incubators
* Incubator without walls was the idea that we thought would work best for us – It would be kind of like a business mentorship program where we would have a committee that would help mentor new businesses and give ideas and help with problems
* MU Extension is a great resource for ideas as an incubator
* Camdenton Chamber has come into possession of a building and they are looking at doing a physical incubator for the tri-county area.

Work Ready

* Jamie attended the meeting for the Tri-County Work Ready meeting. As Morgan County, we have done the most in recruiting businesses for the area. We are at 26 businesses backing Work Ready.
* The school is going to be giving the test to 27? juniors this year.
* To be certified, it’s 3 parts: getting 28 businesses to sign up, getting under 18 to take the test and then getting over 18 adults to take it
* The school is looking into being a site for giving the test for the 18+ adults
* The test is free if you’re over 18

Meeting Date

* We’d like to change the date so that we’re not on the same day as the city council meetings.
* We’ll move it to the second Monday instead of the second Tuesday.
* Next meeting will be March 12.

Property

* We thought maybe there was an issue with some of the property with a hangar on part of our property, but we found out that’s all been resolved and it’s on the deed.

Wayfinding Signs

* The city might be able to help us out with those
* Need to find out what kind of regulations there are with MoDOT
* Eldon and California have them

Business Expo

* Joe will help with the organization of that. We’re looking at late winter/early spring of 2019.

Trail

* Brice talked with David Wood about it and he mentioned that Ameren would possibly let us take control of our part of the trail. Need to find out more about this and see what our options are.
* Mike Jackson brought up info about: Associated Electric CoOp – Power for Progress group – helps economic development professionals. They have classes to help work with grants for rural development. Mark Woodson is the president of the group. – Also talk to Corey TenBensel at Co-Mo, he might know something about this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.