

**Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone**  
*encompassing portions of Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties of Missouri*

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**Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone Nominating Committee Meeting**

The nominating committee of Ray Schwartz, Jerry Lairmore, Jim Decker and Dave Dudenhoeffer met prior to the Jan. 21, 2015, GVEZ meeting at the Maries County Bank, Highway 63, Vienna, Mo. The group decided to recommend Ray Schwartz for president with all other officers remaining the same. (Mark Haye, vice president; Dave Dudenhoeffer, treasurer; Byron Baker as secretary.)

**Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone Board Meeting**

The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone met at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at the Maries County Bank, Highway 63, Vienna, Mo.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Lairmore.

Members present: Jerry Lairmore, Ray Schwartz, Dave Dudenhoeffer, Jim Decker, Mark Hayes, Byron Baker.

Board members absent: Larry Backes, Lloyd Honse.

**Review and approval of minutes** Ray Schwartz made a motion to approve the Dec. 3, 2014, minutes; seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer; Minutes approved.

**Financials and Administrative Report:** Bonnie Prigge updated the board on events since the December meeting. Items included the 2015 meeting schedule, planning for the annual EEZ meetings in April. The group asked that Luke Holtschneider from DED be invited. The financial report was presented. Motion by Dave Dudenhoeffer to accept the report as prepared; seconded by Ray Schwartz; motion carried.

**Board Appointments**

The GVEZ board discussed recommendations on board appointments for terms expiring in Jan. 2015. Gasconade County will appoint Mark Wallace of Hermann to the GVEZ and EEZ boards. Maries County will re-appoint Mark Hayes. Osage County is looking for a replacement for Larry Backes, who has indicated he no longer wishes to serve. Final approval will be considered at a future meeting.

**Election of Officers**

The nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2015: Ray Schwartz for president; Mark Hayes, vice president; Dave Dudenhoeffer, treasurer; Byron Baker as secretary. Current president, Jerry Lairmore, had served three terms as president and was no longer eligible to serve in that position. The proposed slate was elected by acclamation.

**Fund-Raising Campaign—Bonnie Prigge**

The group discussed the annual fund-raising campaign. Board members will be asked to volunteer to follow up with assigned companies. Letters will be going out soon.

**Certified Work Ready Communities:** Staff updated the board on each county's progress and discussed the need for progress meetings in the near future.

**Community/Economic Development Update/ Board Member Reports:** Board members reported on events in their communities.

Ray Schwartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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