

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone

encompassing portions of Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties of Missouri

Date: Nov. 24, 2015
To: GVEZ board, county commissioners, mayors and interested citizens
From: Ray Schwartz, President

The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at the White Mule Winery, 2087 Highway 50, Owensville, MO. Dinner will follow the meeting at 5 p.m. with special speaker, Kim Martin, of the Missouri Development Finance Board. Please RSVP by Nov. 30.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions —President Ray Schwartz**
- II. Review and approval of minutes** (*Action needed on minutes from Aug. 20, 2015*)
- III. Financials and Administrative Report—Bonnie Prigge**

Staff will update the board on events since the August meeting. Items include:

- Review financial report (*Action needed on financials.*)
- Review fund-raising final 2015 report
- Discuss board member terms that expire in January 2016, and county appointments that will be necessary.
- Establish nominating committee for officers for 2016.
- Establish meeting schedule for 2016
- Review draft budget
- Other items of interest

- IV. Enhanced Enterprise Zone Updates – Bonnie Prigge**
Bonnie will report on EEZ activity, including claims certified and those in process.
- V. Certified Work Ready Communities – Bonnie Prigge**
Staff will provide an overview for each county's progress. Testing grants have been secured for Gasconade and Maries counties and testing is underway. Osage's testing application is in process.
- VI. Missouri Value Added Grant Opportunities – Bonnie Prigge**
At the last meeting, the board discussed the idea of a value added project. It is hoped that a staff member from the Missouri Department of Ag will be on hand to discuss the programs available and how GVEZ, especially Osage County, may use them.
- VII. Board Member Recognition:** Byron Baker of Osage County has announced that he will be stepping down from the GVEZ board as of the December meeting.
- VIII. Community/Economic Development Update/ Board Member Reports:**
Time is set aside for board members to give updates on items of interest.
- IX. Upcoming Meetings—**January meeting will be set at this meeting.

X. Adjourn

XI. Brisket Dinner and Guest Speaker: Kim Martin: Community Development Program Manager, Missouri Development Finance Board.

The **Missouri Development Finance Board**, housed within the Missouri Department of Economic Development, has two primary missions -

- financing economic development activities and
- public sector infrastructure improvements

Economic development initiatives focus on financing private sector investments that result in the creation or retention of jobs and expansion of capital investment within the State.

Public infrastructure initiatives focus on financing improvements that leverage private sector job creation and investment or that fund improvements to rural sewer and potable water services necessary to alleviate public health and safety issues.

Kim will discuss the tax credit for contribution program and the small infrastructure loan program.

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