

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone

encompassing portions of Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties of Missouri

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone Board Meeting

The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone met at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at the White Mule Winery at Drake in Gasconade County.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ray Schwartz at 4:05 p.m..

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

Board members absent: Lloyd Honse, Shelle Jacobs

Guests: Elias McDonald, city of Hermann; Dr. Patrick Call, Maries R-2 Schools; Dr. Chuck Garner, Gasconade County R-2 Schools; Dr. Don Claycomb, State Technical College of Missouri; John Kamler, mayor of Owensville; Kim Martin of DED-Missouri Development Finance Board; David Meyer of Missouri Dept. of Ag.

Review and approval of minutes: Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the Aug. 20, 2015, minutes; seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer; Minutes approved.

Financials and Administrative Report: Bonnie Prigge updated the board on events since the August meeting. The financial report was presented. Motion by Mark Hayes to accept the report as prepared; seconded by Mark Wallace; motion carried. Bonnie also highlighted the 2015 fund-raising effort for the year that brought in \$7,350. RR Donnelley has not paid its equipment lease for 2015, so Bonnie will follow up. The group reviewed a proposed budget that showed revenues of \$10,110 and expenses of \$11,245 for a deficit of \$1,135. Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the proposed 2016 budget as presented, seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer; motion and budget approved. Bonnie shared the Osage County had appointed Shelle Jacobs to replace Larry Backes on the GVEZ board and on the EEZ. Shelle was unable to attend this meeting because of a work obligation. She works in Business and Industrial Relations at State Technical College of Missouri.

Chairman Schwartz appointed a nominating committee to develop a slate of officers for the January meeting. They are: Maries County-Lloyd Honse; Osage County-Dave Dudenhoeffer and Gasconade County-Jerry Lairmore. Bonnie reviewed appointments that need to be made for expiring terms on the GVEZ board: Byron Baker, Osage County; Jim Decker, Gasconade County; and Ray Schwartz, Maries County. Byron has asked to be replaced (but wishes to stay on the Osage EEZ board). Bonnie asked for appointments/reappointments by Dec. 31, 2015.

The board reviewed meeting dates for 2016. The following was decided:

- Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m. At Maries County Bank in Vienna
- April 21, 1:30 pm. Tentatively in Belle. The Annual EEZ meeting for each EEZ will follow at 3 p.m. • •
- Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m. At the Osage County Administration Building, Highway 50, Linn
- Nov. 30, 4 p.m. Tentatively in Gasconade County at a local restaurant.

Enhanced Enterprise Zone update

Bonnie overviewed the EEZ benefits and reviewed projects in process. In Maries County, Wieberg Concrete and Brewer Science have been completed, approved by county, delivered to assessor and abatement should apply for 2015 taxes. In Gasconade County, Bonnie is working with Thistle in Owensville to complete its claim., however, this has been dragging on for sometime. Abatement will be delayed a year, if completed soon. Bonnie asked for guidance on how long to allow company to meet criteria. Gasconade County members asked Bonnie to follow up with Randy Blaske, the new plant manager at Thistle, as previous contact is no longer with the company. Notices of intent have been completed by Moore Gear (Hermann),

Quaker Window (Maries) and Thistle (Gasconade-Second project) with construction underway on all projects.

Certified Work Ready Communities: Staff updated the board on each county's progress. Maries County is at 65 percent complete; Osage at 59 percent and Gasconade at 54 percent. All three counties are lacking the emerging workforce holding the National Career Ready Certificates. Osage and Gasconade are also missing transitioning workers (those that are unemployed and looking for work.) Bonnie reported that Gasconade and Maries counties have been awarded testing grants through DED for emerging workforce. Work Keys testing was either completed or scheduled for Maries County R-2, Maries County R-2, Gasconade R-1 and Gasconade R-2. All testing in these two counties will be done by Christmas break. Bonnie will apply for Osage County schools once these are completed. Transitioning workers are still a hurdle in Gasconade County, and Bonnie asked for contact information for the PenMac office in Owensville. Board members asked her to contact Dawn Wiegers at the Owensville PenMac officer to make them aware of the CWRC and whether we can find a way to have their clients tested.

Presentation by David Meyer, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Ag and Small Business Development Board: Per the board's request from the August meeting, Mr. Meyer presented information on the MASBD's value added grant and Farm to School grants.

Community/Economic Development Update/ Board Member Reports: Board members reported on activities in their communities. Elias McDonald of Hermann, director of tourism, also updated the board on work in Hermann. Dr. Call, Dr. Garner and Dr. Claycomb also provide reports on school-related activities.

Adjourn: Mark Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jerry Lairmore seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5 p.m. for dinner. Following dinner, Kim Martin from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Missouri Development Finance Board, made a presentation on programs available through MDFB.

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