

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

**GASCONADE VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE
BOARD MEETING
Dec. 3, 2014 • JNL2 Bistro, Owensville, MO**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Lairmore called Dec. 3, 2014, meeting of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone to order at 4:10 p.m. at JNL2 Bistro in Owensville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maries County: Ray Schwartze, Mark Hayes

Osage County: Dave Dudenhoeffer, and Byron Baker

Gasconade County: Jerry Lairmore, Jim Decker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lloyd Honse, Jim Grebing, and Larry Backes

GUESTS:

Owensville Mayor John Kamler, Owensville City Administrator Nathan Schauf, Maries R-2 Superintendent Dr. Patrick Call, Gasconade R-2 Superintendent Dr. Chuck Garner, Hermann Chamber President and Hermann banker Ron Kraettli

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Jerry Lairmore

Dave Dudenhoeffer made a motion to approve the Oct. 23, 2014, minutes. Ray Schwartze seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bonnie Prigge

- Financial report—Bonnie presented the financials. Bonnie reminded the board that it was short \$9,500 on projected revenues, based on budget. Jerry Lairmore pointed out that fundraising was going to be crucial in the coming year. Jim Decker suggested an industry meeting, mixer-type event, where industry leaders were invited to network. Dave Dudenhoeffer made a motion to approve financials. Mark Hayes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Bonnie presented the 2015 proposed budget, with some reduction in expenses due to two less board meetings. Byron Baker made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Mark Hayes. Motion carried.
- Meeting Schedule: The board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule and assigned meeting locations. Jan. 22 (which was changed due to a conflict after the meeting) in Vienna; April 16 in Belle with EEZ meetings; Aug. 20 in Linn; and Dec. 2 in Owensville for annual meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bonnie Prigge

Bonnie discussed the bylaws criteria for the nominating committee. The nominating committee will include Larry Backes representing Osage County, Ray Schwartze representing Maries County, and Jim Decker, representing Gasconade County as John Kamler is not an member of GVEZ at this time.

CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITIES —Bonnie Prigge

Bonnie gave an update on CWRC activities in Maries, Osage and Gasconade counties. The county meetings went well and Maries and Gasconade were very well attended. Dr. Call from Maries R-2 and Dr. Neale from Gasconade R-1 at Hermann agreed to do the testing for their students to help achieve goals. Maries County only needs two more business support letters. Byron Baker agreed to handle the Legend Bank letter for

Maries County as Legends has already provided a letter for Osage. John Kamler will help with the letter for Sinks Pharmacy, as this company has provided a letter for Gasconade and also has facilities in Belle and Vienna.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Gasconade County: No word from Havens Concrete on its interest in EEZ. City of Owensville working on providing water/sewer to Lions Field.

Osage County: There is a company interested in Linn but want a private road to become public.

City of Hermann: The newly formed Hermann Regional Economic Development group is working seven leads using the company, Community Edge (Ron Kraitli).

Maries County R-2 Schools: District needs to improve campus facilities so board is looking at options of renovating or building new. Enrollment is down a bit but expected to hold steady. (Dr. Call)

Gasconade County R-2: District is proposing a no-tax increase bond issue to address safety issues at Gerald Elementary, improve bus road to main campus and to expand STEM lab to be a hands-on lab. Enrollment is stagnant right now. State funding is a battle. Community is excited about the economic potential of the Rock Island trail. (Dr. Garner)

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Dec. 3, 2014, Minutes Approved:

President

Date

Attest

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