

**GASCONADE VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE
BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2014
Belle-Bland Community Center, Belle Missouri**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Lairmore called the April 23, 2014, meeting of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone to order at 4:40 p.m. at the Belle-Bland Community Center, Belle, MO.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maries County; Ray Schwartz - Gasconade County; Jerry Lairmore, Jim Grebing and Jim Decker - Osage County; Dave Dudenhoeffer, and Larry Backes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lloyd Honse, Mark Hayes and Byron Baker

STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Huse – Maries County EEZ, Owensville Mayor John Kamler, Belle Mayor Stewart Darrah, Steve Vogt from the City of Belle, Bonnie Prigge and Tonya Price – MRPC

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – T. Price

Dave Dudenhoeffer made a motion to approve the February 27, 2014, minutes. Ray Schwartz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – T. Price

Tonya Price presented the financial report for period ending March 31, 2014. February/March revenue shows \$1,000 from Gasconade County, \$500 from Osage County and \$500 receivable from Maries County. Bank interest of \$12 in the unrestricted fund and bank interest of \$13 in the restricted fund for total February/March revenue, \$2,525. Total year revenue is \$2,539. February/March expenses total \$1,806 and includes an insurance payment of \$653, technical assistance payment of \$822 and fiscal administration of \$331. Total year expenses are \$1,937 for the unrestricted fund. The restricted fund does not have any expenses so far this calendar year. Current revenues over expenses for February/March are \$719.05. Current year revenues over expenses are \$602. The total fund equity as of March 31, 2014 is \$64,265.

Ray Schwartz made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. John Kamler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING, Economic Development Services

Staff requested that the board President be approved to sign MOU for Economic Development Services with Osage and Gasconade counties. Jim Decker motioned to approve, Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

The board was provided a list of businesses and organizations that have assisted with donations in the past as well as others that may donate. Letters requesting donations have been mailed. Board members divided the spread sheet list of potential donors among themselves per county. The board members will provide an update from their list at the next meeting.

Brewer Science Presentation – Loretta Wallis, Corporate Relations Manager

Ms. Wallis presented an overview of how and why Dr. Terry Brewer started Brewer Science in 1981. Brewer Science recently expanded its operations to the Rolla Airport facility, located in Vichy, MO. She shared that Brewer Science is a global company with customers all over the world. The main product is anti-reflective coatings to allow production of electronic chips for various products we use every day. A lot of their research is based on the request from customers to be on the cutting edge of the newest technology. The research and development can take several years and is always changing. The new location in Maries County is anticipated to hire 65 employees over the next few years. Ms. Wallis invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 5th at 11:00 a.m.

CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITIES

T. Price provided an update as to the status of the CWRC applications for Gasconade, Maries and Osage Counties. All three counties are considered in an “in process” status and have two years to complete the goals outlined in each application. An update as to where each county is currently was provided, and a follow up meeting with the application committee will be scheduled to keep progressing toward the goals for certification.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE

T. Price gave an update as to what companies have expressed an interest in utilizing the tax abatement offered through the Enhanced Enterprise Zones. Those include: Brewer Science, Thistle, Grimco, Wieberg Red E Mix, new solar company in Vichy and possibly a small business in Vienna.

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

John Kamler: Met with a company that purchases manufacturing operations.

Jim Grebing: Seeing a lot of growth with existing companies, especially advanced technology.

Dave Dudenhoeffer: Highway 50 project is running ahead of schedule.

Ray Schwartz: Extended thanks to Brewer Science and the City of Rolla for work at the airport.

Stewart Darrah: Getting acquainted with city business.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be June 26, 201 and will be in Linn. Being no further business, Jim Grebing made a motion to adjourn. Ray Schwartz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved:

President

Date

Attest

Date