

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone

encompassing portions of Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties of Missouri

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone met April 22, 2021, at the Maries County Bank in Vienna.

Meeting was called to order by President John Deeken at 1:32 p.m.

Members present: Jerry Lairmore, Ray Schwartze, Mark Wallace, John Deeken, Vic Stratman, Lloyd Honse ,
Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Randy Blaske

Staff: Bonnie Prigge of MRPC.

President Deeken called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Minutes of the Jan. 28, 2021, board meeting were reviewed. Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lloyd Honse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financials: Bonnie Prigge presented financials. Revenue for the first three months of the fiscal year was 1 \$1,017 with expenses of \$1,324 with 25% of the year expired. The only revenue was one MOU contribution and bank interest. Lloyd Honse made a motion to approve the financials for year ending March 31, 2021, as presented. Ray Schwartze seconded. Motion approved.

MOUs: Gasconade County has submitted it \$1000 contribution for economic development assistance. Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve an MOU with Gasconade County; seconded by Vic Stratman. Motion carried.

Fund-Raising: The board reviewed the fund-raising spreadsheet. A few additional businesses were added. Letters will be mailed within a few weeks, and board members will be notified for follow up.

Special Presentation—Transportation: Preston Kramer, Meramec area engineer for MODOT, joined the meeting by phone and gave the board an update on the 2022-2026 STIP, which is available for public review through May 5. Preston reviewed projects in the STIP that are located in the GVEZ area. He also discussed the new processes of identifying unfunded high priority projects, that could move into the STIP if additional dollars are allocated to MODOT.

Broadband: Bonnie updated the group on the formation of county-level broadband advocacy committees that are being formed.

EEZ update: Bonnie provided an update on the EEZ activity. Hippos, in Vienna, has filed a notice of intent but construction work and hiring have not been completed. All EEZs need to work on partnership letters with businesses. Group discussed businesses that could be approached about a letter.

MO Location 1: The group discussed vacant building that could be added to MO Location 1. Suggestions were the Old Popcorn company business in Linn, Wiedinger Chevrolet in Vienna and the bank in Vienna. Bonnie has reached out the First Community National Bank about the vacant building but have not received any information from the owner.