

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone

encompassing portions of Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties of Missouri

Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone Board Meeting Minutes

Jan. 25, 2024

The Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone met 1:33 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at the First State Community Bank meeting room in Owensville.

Meeting was called to order by President John Deeken at 1:33 p.m.

Members present: John Deeken, Vic Stratman, Randy Blaske, Jerry Lairmore, Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Cory Orr, Gene Gillispie

Members absent: Ray Schwartze

Staff: Bonnie Prigge of MRPC.

Elections of Officers: No nominating committee was formed. President and vice president are term-limited; secretary position is vacant; treasurer is eligible for another term. Nominations were taken from the form. Darryl Griffin made a motion to nominate Larry Kliethermes as president; Gene Gillispie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Darryl Griffin nominated Randy Blaske as vice chair; Vic Stratman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Larry Kliethermes nominated Vic Stratman for secretary; seconded by Jerry Lairmore. Motion carried. Darryl Griffin nominated Jerry Larimore for another term as treasurer; Seconded by Vic Stratman. Motion carried.

The officers for 2024 are:

President Larry Kliethermes (first term.)

Vice President: Randy Blaske (first term.)

Secretary: Vic Stratman (First term.)

Treasurer: Jerry Larimore (second term)

Larry Kliethermes presided over the rest of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the Nov. 28, 2022, board meeting were reviewed. John Deeken made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. JerryLairmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financials: Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the financials as of Dec. 31, 2023, as presented. Gene Gillispie seconded. Motion approved.

Third-Party Review: Bonnie Prigge shared the third-party review of financial records as prepared by Candace Connell. There were no discrepancies, and all information was found to be accurate. Jerry Larimore made a motion to approve the report; Randy Blaske seconded the motion. Motion passed.

EEZ update: The group discussed possible projects. Possible new project for Owensville that may need public infrastructure. Board agreed to seek legal advice on a replacement facility, and whether the Tool Room qualified. She shared a report on those receiving EEZ benefit. There are two pending claims in Maries County, and no other claims pending in the other zones. Chamois Area EEZ wants to modify its benefits and Bonnie will work with them on that. A public hearing will be required.

Certified Work Ready County report: Bonnie shared a Work Keys testing schedule for six of the schools in the three-county area. Because grant funds were reduced, Bonnie requested testing assistance from COPIC with GVEZ and the grant paying for travel expenses for proctors.

Missouri Location 1: Bonnie reminded board members to let her know of any buildings or sites that need added to Missouri Location 1. Possible additions may be former bank and doctor's office in Vienna; MFA in Freeburg;

Old Kellwood building in Bland.

Community/Economic Development Update/ Board Member Reports:

Each person provided an update on projects or issues within their respective communities.

Next Meetings—The next meeting was changed to April 25 in Vienna. Tentative location is Maries County Bank.

Meeting adjourned about 2:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Vic Straman, seconded by Jerry Lairmore. Motion passed

President

Date

Attest

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