



Rolla Regional Economic Commission

RREC Minutes: Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meeting

Friday, December 11, 2009

8:00 AM, Rolla City Hall, Rolla, Mo.

Attending: President, Ted Day (presided over the meeting), Lou Magdits, Bill Marshall, Jerry Giger, Candace Connell, Shad Becker, Mike Woessner, Randy Verkamp, Keith Strassner, Barry White, Jim Sowers, Bill Jenks, John Petersen, Wayne Parry, and Richard Cavendar.

I. Minutes: Reviewed and approved the RREC board meeting minutes for Friday, September 18, 2009. The motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Shad Becker, the motion carried.

II. Financial Report: The board reviewed and approved the Revenues, Expenditures and Fund balance as of November 31, 2009 showing a balance of \$231,295. Treasurer Lou Magdits reported no expenses out of the ordinary and the motion to approve was made by Jim Sowers and seconded by Mike Woessner. The motion carried.

III. Old Business: Keith Strassner presented information on the Rolla EEZ map and plan. The Rolla EEZ map includes the City of Rolla and the Twitty Industrial Park. A motion was made by Mike Woessner and seconded by Shad Becker to endorse the Rolla EEZ plan presented by Keith. The motion carried. The Dillon property owners are not interested in becoming a part of the EEZ plan. The St. James EEZ zone was authorized in October and Maries County has started the EEZ process.

IV. New Business: Richard Cavendar reported on a recent meeting with MODOT and county representatives on the HWY 63 Prioritization Survey. This survey ranked the seven projects for the Hwy 63 construction project. The No. 7 project was the first priority and Project 1 ranked second.

The Executive Director presented information on the Hawthorn Foundation. This foundation was created during Governor Bond's administration. After some discussion a motion was made by Keith Strassner to join the organization and seconded by Bill Marshall. The membership dues for 2010 are \$1000 a year and the funding will taken from the 2009 budget. The advisory group made a request of Elizabeth to furnish a list of the foundation board members.

V. The Executive Director Report: Elizabeth presented on the Progress of the Deliverables for 2009 and the Annual Report. RREC has concluded another busy year for economic development in the Rolla Region. It is unfortunate that for the incredible amount of project activity we have few wins in business development, however there have been several significant new commitments setting the stage for dramatic, positive changes in the Rolla Regional economy.

1. The University Program to start the Technology Park Building # 1 in early 2010.
2. The EIS for Highway 63 upgrade to 4 lanes between Rolla and Jefferson City is complete.
3. MoDot has made a commitment to provide significant funding for Rolla West related improvements; including \$2.1 million for upgrading the overpass and intersections at Kingshighway and Old Wire Road.
4. The St. James EEZ has been approved and 45 new jobs will be created.
5. The Rolla EEZ has been presented to the local governments for approval.
6. The University has opened discussions on the Technology Park Incubator Building.

7. RREC has responded on 37 business Recruitment Projects in varying levels, interaction and details.

Elizabeth pointed out the common thread in all projects for 2009 was the fact they are building on the foundation established by the RREC stakeholders which continues to set the stage for positive changes in the Rolla Regional economy. "She asked the board to review progress on the deliverables specific to 2009 and she explained that some deliverables were sidelined due to unexpected opportunities and projects for Phelps County".

In conclusion, Elizabeth placed an emphasis on RREC's goals of Rolla West and the Technology Park as the two economic development priorities for the community. The fact that this seems to be generally accepted is the real success for RREC. Although it is not done, it is part of the community development plan understood well by the City, County, major stakeholders and MoDOT.

VI. RREC contracts with the City of Rolla.

The group reviewed the renewal of the RREC contracts with the City of Rolla consisting of the Technical Assistance Contract between the RREC and the City and the Public Service agreement between RREC and the City of Rolla. A motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Jim Sowers to approve the contracts as submitted. The motion was approved.

VII. The quarterly meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Jim Sowers, the motion carried.

VIII. **RREC Annual Meeting** was called to order by President Ted Day.

A. The RREC 2010 Plan and Deliverables were presented by Ted Day and reviewed by the stakeholders. Under the Operations section of 2010 plan, one of the goals will be to broadcast the meetings on Channel 6. A motion was made by Jim Sowers and seconded by Candace Connell to approve the 2010 RREC plan and Deliverables. The motion carried.

B. The 2010 budget was reviewed by the members and discussion led by Lou M. A motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Randy Verkamp to approve the budget, motion carried.

C. Regarding the election of new Board Members, a motion was made by Bill Marshall and seconded by Randy Verkamp to retain Mike Woessner and Shad Becker to the board. The motion carried.

D. The present board of officers were retained by a motion made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Mike Woessner, motion carried, providing a one year term of office for Ted Day, President, John Paul, Vice President, and Lou Magdits, Secretary/Treasurer.

IX. Comments for the Good of the Order:

City of Rolla: Sale tax revenue is 6.3 % down in the first quarter of this fiscal year.

St. James: New construction projects added to St. James for a total of 18.5 million.

Phelps County: Sales tax revenue is down from this time last year. The County will be added a quarter cent sales tax proposition on the April 2010 ballot for the 911 improvements.

RCDC: Jim Sowers is preparing a progress report to present to the City at one of their City Council meeting in the near future. The RCDC is also going to create a web site to promote Hypoint Industrial Park in an attempt to be the first hit on the internet search.

Rolla Public School: Dr. Giger stated the school board is considering a bond proposal for the April 2010 election. If the bond issue is passed, the science labs at the Senior High will be improved and updated, the Junior High will get a new cafeteria and an addition will be added to the Middle School to replace the present trailers on the school property.

A motion was made by Jerry Giger and seconded by Shad Becker to adjourn the annual meeting, at 10:00 AM. The motion carried.

X. A motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Mike Woessner to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per RSMo Section 610-021. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Magdits (Secretary/Treasurer)

Prepared by: Lee Flowers, (Administrative Assistant)

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