

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Zoom Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. with the following board members present Reuben Feuerborn, Casey Smith, Les McGhee, Cody Gettler, Doug Rockers and Eileen Burns. Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director was also present. Chris Weiner, City Manager for the City of Garnett, joined the meeting later.
- II. Approval of Feb. 18 and Special Meeting April 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Les McGhee made the motion and seconded by Cody Gettler; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. Review of the February & March 2020 Financial Statements: The current reserve fund balance is \$27,203.02.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity: Julie reported she is working with 3 potential businesses in Garnett that would be in a mixture of locations.
 - i. Business #1 is waiting to take action on brick and mortar decisions until after the COVID-19 crisis, but is considering starting online to get started.
 - ii. Business #2 has put an offer in on a building and is in negotiations
 - iii. Business #3 is still looking at property-more industrial business.
 - b. COVID-19- Update: Julie has spoken with 66 businesses of which, 39 had applied for help through PPP or EIDL loans. Some of the 66 businesses were not aware of the opportunity prior to speaking with Julie and needed a solution. She reported that overall, attitudes were positive in light of the situation. She said the Morning Mingle group of approx... 7 business owners, has proven to be a great support group during this time not only for networking but also to help each other with ideas to navigate the changes in their businesses during COVID-19.
 - c. Community Give Back Program-Update: Cody and Casey represented ACDA on the committee. The information about the program was released by the Chamber with a listing of businesses. So far there is been nothing but positive feedback.
 - d. ACT Work Ready Community-Update: Nothing new to report. Julie said the Kansas Works Mobile Career Unit will be back to Anderson County once allowed after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
 - e. Land Bank: The Board discussed the information from Zoom meeting with Justin Prejont, Assistant City Manager in Atchison, Kansas to decide what position to take in their recommendation to the City Commission. Chris Weiner, City Manager for the City of Garnett, suggested that the City Commission would need to formally establish the Land Bank but if ACDA wanted to offer to be the BOT, they should participate in another commission meeting to voice that interest if they felt this is a valuable tool in the tool chest of the City. A couple Board members expressed needing more clarity on where the funding would come from. There was further discussion with Chris regarding the funding where he noted that it is more likely that the properties that would be included in this program would be those that the City is already maintaining. He didn't fee that initially there would be any that would be purchased, and improvements made for resale because of the seed money that would require. It would be preferable to take on properties to hold and have control of with conditional restrictions. After

further discussion with the Board, Reuben Feuerborn made motion to present a letter to the City Commission in support of forming a Land Bank and offering the extension of the ACDA Board functioning as part of the Board of Trustees if they so desire. Seconded by Les McGhee, the motion passed unanimously. Julie will draft a letter to be reviewed by Chris and the ACDA Board.

- f. 2020 ACDA Strategic Plan Review/Survey: Julie requested that each Board member fill this out and return it to her no later than our next meeting on May 19th.
- g. February and March Director's Reports: Members were encouraged to read the directors reports.

V. Other Business:

VI. Adjourn: 5:46 p.m.

Next Meeting is March 19, 2020