

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
November 16, 2017
City Hall, Garnett, KS

Guest Speakers

Mr. Hayes gave a history of 10 years of Hayes Brand. Spoke on future plans with the property purchased through e-community. Are currently renovating existing buildings and shipping out of those and plan to add additional buildings. Currently has 12 employees but will increase as renovation continue.

Mr. Gencarelli talked about Genco's 2 locations and investments in new machines. Genco is currently looking to hire 3-5 new staff immediately to add to their workforce of 20 employees.

Both employers expressed they feel they can utilize the workforce programs available through KansasWorks that was presented in a luncheon held before this meeting. Guests left meeting at 1:05pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12:46 p.m. with the following board members in attendance: Les McGhee, Casey Smith, Eileen Burns, Reuben Feuerborn and Sandra Zook. Also present: Dennis Arnold, Economic Development Director Guests included: Gary Hayes with Hayes Brand, Michael Gencarelli with Genco Absent: Doug Rockers, John Wilson
- II. Les McGhee made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017 as presented. Casey Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.
- III. Discussion of Old Business
 - A. Workforce Development:
 1. Joe Sharpe and Carla Black from Southeast KansasWorks presented at a luncheon sponsored by ACDA attended by ACDA Board members and several local business owners on November 16, 2017 in Garnett, KS.
 - B. Prospect Update:
 1. Taylor Forge building has contract with contingencies. Prospect has until the end of the year to make a final decision.
 2. Troyer's event center – Dennis has helped review financials. Trying to get a small business loan (80%) Working on coming up with the additional 20%. Working with Certified Development Corporations (CDC) through Pitt State has slowed the process due to staffing issues.
 - C. Genco – Road still washing out. Drainage needs fixed. Commissioner, Les McGhee said if the road isn't built correctly, putting down asphalt won't make a difference. That gravel would suffice. The City of Garnett discussed helping with this road if Genco agreed to make this move. Reuben Feuerborn suggested some type of rebate agreement. Dennis is looking into the possibility of grant money to help fund it. He also agrees with Les that it needs engineering first then gravel should suffice.
- IV. Discussion of New Business
 - A. Dennis received a scholarship to attend an IEDC workshop.
 - B. Reuben requested that since our board has not yet met him, that City Manager, Chris Weiner, attend the ACDA, December 19, 2017 meeting. Dennis will make the request.

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.
Eileen Burns, Secretary.

Next meeting date is December 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.