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Annual JEDI Business Meeting
Jasper County Economic Inc. (JEDI)
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 1:15 P.M.
Jasper County Chamber Office
124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Scott Bierman, Anna Hemrich, Evan Fox, Larry Brooks, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Jack Thompson, Beth Probst, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Kris Newton, Mindy Hartke and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Jack Thompson, motion passed.
3. Annual Election of JEDI Officers and Board Members

JEDI Officers

Scott Bierman, Chairman
Scott Bloomberg, Vice Chairman
Mark Bolander, Secretary
Brett Lessley, Treasurer

JEDI Executive Director

Ken Larimore

JEDI Board of Directors

Scott Bierman
Scott Bloomberg
Ron Heltsley
Mark Bolander
Brett Lessley
Jason Warfel
Larry Brooks
Doug Weddell
Ed Webb
Louis Ochs
Jack Thompson, Ste. Marie
Andrew Johnson, Jasper School Superintendent
Beth Probst, NCHS Principal
Natalie Hopson, Jasper Chamber of Commerce
Ryan Millsap, Jasper Chamber of Commerce
Anna Hemrich, NCHS Student Representative

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Evan Fox, NCHS Student Representative



4. Annual approval of board members as above. Motion by Larry Brooks, second by Brett Lessley, motion approved.
5. Annual Budget Approval motion made by Beth Probst, second by Larry Brooks, motion approved.
6. Annual Meeting Schedule-Only February meeting will February 21 Approval motion made by Louis Ochs, second by Natalie Hopson, motion approved.
7. Annual JEDI Celebration- Wednesday February 21 at Sunrise Center at 11:30 Approval motion made by Doug Weddell, second by Larry Brooks, motion approved.
8. Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. TIF 2017- 6 TIF applications approved, for total of \$62,487 in TIF funds supporting \$1,060,492 in total project costs.
 - ii. Total TIF since Plan approved July 29, 2008. There have been 70 TIF applications approved, for \$1,743,176 in TIF funds supporting \$13,266,307 in total project costs.
 - iii. New 2017 Enterprise Zone. For 2017 we approved 6 applications supporting \$1,099,420 in total project costs.
 - iv. CEO class business-Jasper County Business Expo, January 20 at High School, JEDI needs to support this worthwhile project.
 - b. Ken Larimore reported for Mayor of Newton
 - i. Appointed marketing committee from each group- Mark Bolander Chairman, Doug Weddell Jasper County, Beth Probst School, Ken Larimore JEDI, Scott Bloomberg City of Newton, Natalie Hopson Chamber.
 - ii. The Sales tax the City of Newton receives increased each month in 2017.
 - iii. There is an ICC hearing in Hillsboro on the Dynegy rules on January 16.
 - c. Jason Warfel, Jasper County Board
 - i. The County is providing active shooter program.
 - ii. The County is providing sexual harassment training.
 - iii. Working on a 5 year plan to prepare for county building needs.
 - iv. There are many problems with misuse of the recycling program and if the public continues not following rules the program may not continue.
 - d. Beth Probst, Newton High School
 - i. They are starting the second semester and there are a lot of exciting programs starting.
 - ii. JEDI will meet at the school in 2018 to appreciate some of the activities like the 3D printer lab.
9. Other business
10. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.