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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office
Peoples State Bank Room



124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending: Ron Heltsley, Mark Bolander, Anna Hemrich, Evan Fox, Larry Brooks, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Pete Pasero, Kris Newton, Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Brett Lessley, Scott Bloomberg and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Ken Larimore.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Larry Brooks, second by Brett Lessley, motion passed.
4. Monthly Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore,
 - i. Introduced Evan Fox the new JEDI Board Member student representative. We are thankful Anna Hemrich will continue on the board as well.
 - ii. There are 2 International Trade educational programs for entrepreneurs scheduled.
 - iii. Cyber security insurance for businesses and government.
 - iv. Hope to have a 3D printer lab started.
 - v. Congratulated Natalie Hopson for being elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Unit 21 Extension Council.

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- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton-
 - i. Discussed the river-walk fund raising efforts
 - ii. New Tractor Supply store is open and ready for grand opening event
 - iii. Marilyn's Liquor construction is underway
 - iv. Lincoln's Place projects.
- c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chair-
 - i. Working on annual budget
 - ii. Annual audit
 - iii. ATV re-vote
 - iv. Active shooter policy
- d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools-
 - i. Proud of all the school sports and extra-curricular activities.
 - ii. Real Estate Tax assessments
 - iii. SB 1947
- 5. Excellent Roundtable discussion with those attending the meeting.
 - a. Beth Probst, School Principal- discussed the Vocational Class activities and manufacturing day.
 - b. Natalie Hopson, Executive Director of Jasper Chamber reviewed the Fall Festival and parade.
 - c. Doug Weddell, County Board described his busy bus transportation business.
 - d. Larry Brooks, Newton Council announced some business activities.
 - e. Pete Pasero discussed some local activities.
- 6. Due to the long roundtable and the drizzling weather we decided by vote to reschedule the planned tour.
- 7. Motion to close meeting made by Beth Probst, second by Larry Brooks, and motion passed.

At the November 7th JEDI meeting we will have 2 representatives from the Workforce Investment Opportunity Area WIOA 23 to explain the workforce training programs that can benefit businesses and school programs.