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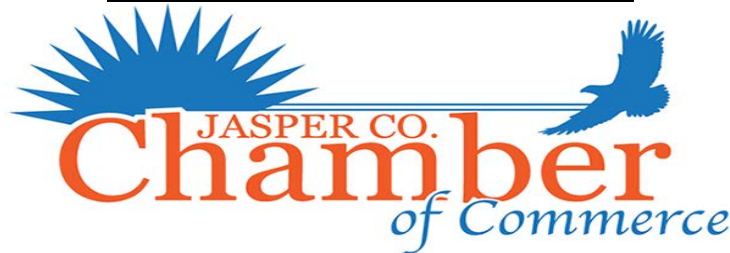


MINUTES

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office
Peoples State Bank Room



124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending: Scott Bierman, Ron Heltsley, Mark Bolander, Larry Brooks, Beth Probst, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Mike Hall, Tom Brown, Jack Thompson, Natalie Hopson, Casey Tibbs, Amber Wakefield, Mindy Hartke, and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
4. Community marketing program updated by Casey Tibbs and Amber Wakefield. Lots of good numbers for Facebook contacts.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. Construction at new Tractor Supply store, Bottle Junction, and Farley Insurance.
 - ii. National search for site-we are still on list.
 - iii. TIF-\$240,035,787 in Total Projects since 2009 with only \$1,742,000 in TIF support.
 - iv. Enterprise Zone-\$889,970,936 Total Projects since 2004. \$709,160 Total Projects so far in 2017.

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- v. Please reach out for more JEDI members.
 - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. A few more TIF projects approved for downtown.
 - ii. City is improving drainage where possible.
 - iii. Cleaning up so old houses.
 - iv. Few more sites available for businesses.
 - v. Newton Lake bass fishing award.
 - vi. River walk design and funding.
 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. ATV Ordinance will be going for a vote.
 - ii. Ethics Ordinance and committee will be formed.
 - iii. Enforcing requirements for solid waste dumping.
 - d. Beth Probst, Principal Unit 1
 - i. Registration is going out and the first day of class is August 16.
 - ii. The new CEO class orientation will be held tonight.
 - iii. Newton Care Center assistance.
 - iv. One of our JEDI student representatives are on their way to college and will need to be replaced.
 - v. Discussed opportunities and community interest in a 3d printer lab.
- 6. Natalie Hopson gave us a great update of Chamber activities.
 - a. Jeep and Bike Run
 - b. Cruise Night
 - c. Dueling Pianos-success
- 7. **Natalie then gave us a tour of the impressive Business Incubator etc.** The community should be very proud of this facility and help promote filling the cubicles.
- 8. **No meeting in August due to scheduling conflicts.**
- 9. Motion to close meeting made by Doug Weddell, second by Ron Heltsley, and motion passed.